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JEE (MAINS) HELD AMID STRINGENT PRECAUTIONS

National-level entrance exam for admission to engg colleges began on Tuesday with strict social distancing measures

VIGIL TO KEEP THE DEADLY VIRUS AWAY

Staggered entry and exit for candidates, sanitisers at the gate, distribution of masks and maintaining social distancing as candidates queued up, were among the scenes witnessed at the exam centres across the country. The exam, which has been postponed twice in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, is being held from September 1 to 6 | **P8**

FLOOD-HIT STUDENTS TO GET 2ND CHANCE

- Flood-hit Maharashtra and West Bengal said many students could not take the exam. The Nagpur bench of the Bombay HC said those who could not reach exam centres can seek re-test
- The exam was amid protests from Opposition parties and a section of students against holding it in the midst of a pandemic

9 lakh

THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE REGISTERED FOR JEE-MAINS

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Amid talks, China made fresh attempt to alter LAC status quo

Indian Army foiled second aggression; brigade commander meeting inconclusive

PUSHKAR BANAKAR & MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

Amid tensions along the LAC with China, an Army convoy moves on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway at Gagangeer in Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Tuesday | PTI

INDIA on Tuesday said the Chinese side resorted to aggression on Monday at the south bank of the Pangong Tso along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) even as commander-level talks were on to resolve the fresh face-off.

"On August 31, even as the ground commanders of the two sides were in discussions to de-escalate the situation, the Chinese troops again engaged in provocative action. Due to the timely defensive action, the Indian side was able to prevent these attempts to unilaterally alter the status quo," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Amid fresh tensions, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a meeting with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and the Army top brass. The meeting went for about two hours. Jaishankar, Doval, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Army Chief M M Naravane participated.

The Director General Military Operations, the operations head of the Army, too, attended the meeting, according to an officer. "The meeting was held to analyse the current situation and discuss the future course of all military and diplomatic options," he said.

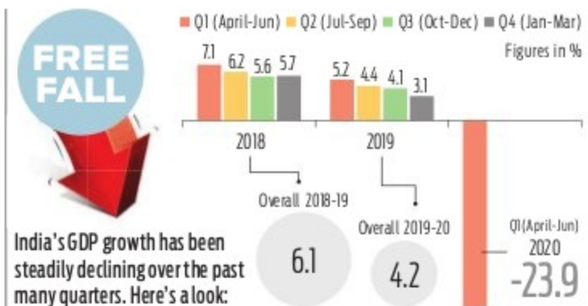
India has consolidated its position by occupying the heights on the southern bank of the Pangong Tso. "It was a preemptive move after we observed Chinese movement towards the area along with heavy machinery to create infrastructure," sources said.

The second brigade commander-level meeting in as many days on Tuesday was inconclusive with China accusing India of entering its territory, an allegation the Indian side rejected.

Meanwhile, Chinese Embassy spokesperson Ji Rong accused India of flagrant provocations on August 31. "India's move has grossly violated China's territorial sovereignty, seriously violated relevant agreements, protocols and important consensus reached between the two countries, and severely damaged peace and tranquillity along the China-India border areas. Similar accusations of trespassing the LAC were made by Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying while Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is on a trip to Europe, said that the problem has arisen as the two countries do not have a clearly demarcated border. **P9**

Appropriate defensive measures taken: MEA

In response to provocative military maneuvers by China late night on Aug 29 and 30, "the Indian side took appropriate defensive measures to safeguard our interests and defend the territorial integrity," the MEA said



GST mop-up down, auto, mfg sectors up

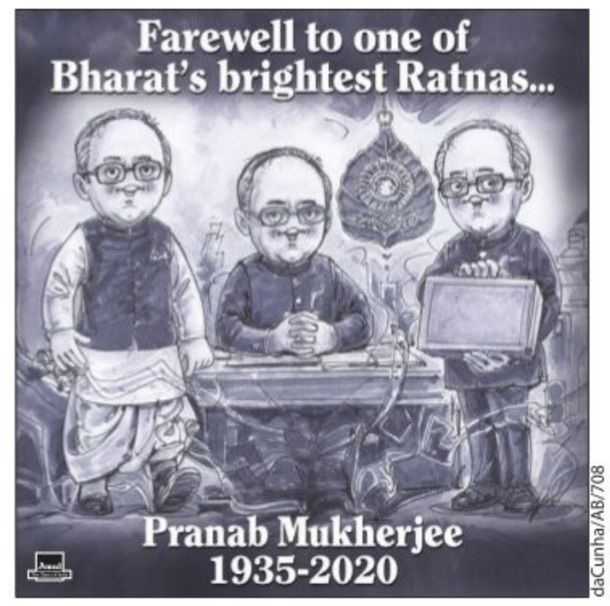
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THREE sets of data released on Tuesday offered a glimpse into the state of the country's economy.

GST collection for August fell both on a year-on-year basis as well as sequentially. On an annual basis, the August mop-up at ₹86,449 crore was 12% lower compared to ₹98,202 crore recorded in the same month last year. Experts, however, say the drop in indirect tax collection is due to reduced imports and that the latest revenue figure is actually impressive as it shows domestic economic activity is on the mend.

GST collections have faltered since the beginning of the current fiscal as Covid-19-induced lockdown disrupted economic activity. The revenue collected in April was ₹32,172 crore, ₹62,151 crore in May, ₹90,917 crore in June and ₹87,422 crore in July.

Meanwhile, India's manufacturing sector activity re-entered the growth territory in August. The IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index rose from 46 in July to 52 in August, signalling an improvement after four consecutive months of contraction. With economic activity picking up pace, energy use is also gradually going up across the country. According to power consumption data released on Tuesday, 110.57 billion units were consumed in August, almost similar to the level as last year. **P12**



K'taka weighs borrowing options, may decide today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the Opposition-ruled states have publicly rejected the GST Council's two borrowing options for states to make good the GST compensation shortfall, BJP-ruled Karnataka is yet to decide on its course of action.

An impromptu meeting held at Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's official residence 'Cauvery' on Tuesday, where the state's representative to the GST Council and Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar and Additional Chief Secretary-Finance I S N Prasad were present to discuss and weigh in both options, remained inconclusive. The CM has called for another meeting on Wednesday to zero in on the way forward. **CONTINUED ON: P7**

AGR dues can be cleared in 10 years: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday gave telecom firms 10 years to clear their Adjusted Gross Revenue dues, estimated to be around ₹1.6 lakh crore. A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said the firms will have to pay 10% of the dues by March 31, 2021. Thereafter, they will have to pay an instalment by February 7 every successive year.

The bench said non-payment of instalments will not just accrue interest but also invite contempt of court proceedings and added it had extended the timeframe of repayment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Telcos' MDs and chairmen were also ordered to furnish personal affidavits, undertaking compliance of the SC's order.

The bench agreed with telcos' submission that the National Company Law Tribunal and not the Supreme Court should decide whether spectrum can be a subject matter of dispute resolution under IBC.

TOUGH ROAD AHEAD | P12

FAREWELL, STATESMAN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays his last respects to former President Pranab Mukherjee in New Delhi on Tuesday | PIB | REPORT: P9

JEE MAINS GETS UNDER WAY AMID STRICT COVID PRECAUTIONS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Joint Entrance Examination (JEE-Main) for admission to top engineering institutes began on Tuesday amid stringent precautionary measures in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The exams were earlier postponed twice due to the prevailing situation.

The National Testing Agency, which conducts the examination, stepped up safety protocols, and even those checking the students were seen in PPE kits at a centre in Bengaluru. Masks were provided to the students at the exam centres.

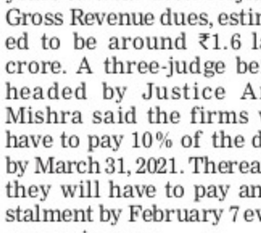
In all, 43,894 will write the examinations at 33 centres in Karnataka until September 6.

However, the number of students who wrote the examination will only be known cumulatively after the last paper is done, said a source from the HRD department.

The low number of students on Tuesday was due to the papers — B.Arch. and B.Planning — which are attempted by architecture students. The major lot of students are scheduled to start arriving from Wednesday.

The examination which is held in two shifts – 9am to 12 noon and 3pm to 6pm — is a Computer-Based Test (CBT).

Although the exam centres were increased from 570 to 660 throughout the country, students who attempted the examination on the first day were inconvenienced as the BE examination that they would attempt on day two was at another location. This comes in the middle of the pandemic, where students are trying to minimise their movement. **P2**



IF EVERYONE WEARS A MASK, WE CAN ACHIEVE 90% EFFECT OF LOCKDOWN: DR D NAGESHWAR REDDY

Can you be reinfected by Covid if you've recovered from it once already? How long after you notice symptoms can you afford to wait before you rush to a hospital? If the virus keeps mutating over time, will the upcoming Covid vaccine still be effective? Six months of on-again, off-again lockdowns later, the average Indian still has a whole load of basic questions about the virus. To address them, **TNIE Editor G S Vasu** spoke to renowned gastroenterologist and Padma Bhushan awardee **Dr D Nageshwar Reddy**. The Hyderabad-based Chairman of the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology sought to dial down the panic, spoke on how wearing masks can achieve 90% effect of lockdown, and why India's numbers are likely to be 5x higher than we think.

Scan the QR code or watch it on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUGKK4KjyLM

For transcript on TNIE site, go to https://bit.ly/3bh6fJX

EXPRESS READ

HC sets Kafeel Khan free, quashes charges

Lucknow: The Allahabad High Court on Tuesday dropped all charges under the National Security Act (NSA) against Dr Kafeel Khan, who was detained for his speech during the anti-CAA protests on the Aligarh Muslim University campus in December last year. While the speech was delivered on December 12, Dr Khan was arrested at the Mumbai airport by the UP Special Task Force on January 29. **P10**

Centre to issue SOPs for running of metro trains

New Delhi: The Union Urban Affairs Ministry is likely to issue detailed standard operating procedures (SOPs) on Wednesday for the functioning of metro trains under the 'Unlock 4' guidelines. Metro trains will be allowed to operated in a graded manner.

Payment of loan moratorium extendable by 2 yrs

New Delhi: The moratorium period on repayment of loans during the Covid-19 pandemic is "extendable" by two years and several steps have been taken to help the stressed sectors, the Centre and the RBI told the Supreme Court on Tuesday. **P9**

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WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Thundershowers. Broken clouds

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.30 pm
Moonrise 6.51 pm
Moonset 6.05 am

Days before tenure ends, BBMP councillors indulge in mudslinging

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

JUST days before the term of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike councillors comes to an end, the mudslinging has begun. Elections to the BBMP Council are due in a few months.

The tenure of the BBMP Council ends on September 10, and in accordance with the norms of the election commission, the BBMP has started the exercise of training field staff to prepare the voters list and start door-to-door survey.

However, Congress councilors have alleged that their counterparts from the BJP are pressurising the BBMP and the Urban Development Department (UDD) to divide the BBMP into five zones based on population to ease management and amend the Karnataka Municipal Act.

Leader of the opposition in the council, Abdul Wajid told *The New Indian Express*, "BJP is scared of elections and so they are doing everything they can, before September 10, so that the elections get deferred. They want the city to be divided into five zones, and be headed by IAS officers. They want control but no elections."

However a senior BBMP official said amendment of KMC Act was a routine affair based on the rise in city's population and the geographical area to be managed by the corporation. Amendment of the KMC Act needs to be done regularly but it's now been 10 years since it has been done.

Head of BJP councilors, Muneendra Kumar said that no one had asked for Bengaluru to be divided. The wards and zones are being revised based on the area and population. "The BJP is not scared of elections. Congress came to power only when they joined hands with JDS. Even though we were in the opposition, we had won in numbers. The government is ready for elections and the work on the election process has started," he said.

He added that they had sought amendments to the KMC Act to allow extend the Mayor's tenure of from one year to at least three years. He said amendments to the Act for better management of the city are also being worked upon, but it is being done with the consent of the government.

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> Abdul Wajid, Leader of Opposition in Council

After months, vendors open their shops in Bengaluru's KR Market, on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Traders face competition from weekly bazaars

Though it's early days, Kalasipalya, KR Market vendors worry

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE re-opening of two prime markets in Bengaluru — KR Market and Kalasipalya — on Tuesday did not see the usual hustle and bustle. The traders in the wholesale and retail market are worried about their future.

The shopkeepers point out that since there was no business in Kalasipalya over the last five months due to the pandemic lockdown, buyers have found alternatives. The biggest competition is now the unauthorised weekly bazaars which thrive on the city outskirts.

R V Gopi, president, Vegetable and Fruits Merchants Association, Kalasipalya, said: "Business was dull on the first day. Against the normal 200 trucks, 50 arrived for unloading and loading on Tuesday. We would get customers from Mangaluru and Tamil Nadu regularly, but now they have not come. No orders have also been placed yet. Since it is the first day, it is difficult to assess the business done. Our usual customers like hotels, restaurants and large units have now shifted to weekly bazaars. This is going to hit us in the coming days."

Retailers in KR Market did not start business soon after getting permission. They spent some time cleaning their shops and checking the market condition. G M Diwakar, president, KR Market Flower Merchants Association, said, "Opening the market now is of little to no use as the festive season is over and the next season will start only during Dasara- October 16. Also, during the lockdown, most traders opened their shops in their homes or nearby. The 148 days closed period has been a major setback as many regular buyers have diverted to other parts of the city."

KR Market traders said they had started looking for alternative occupations.

Uday Garudachar, MLA, said it was the first day and the traders should be given some time to settle down. In a few days, surprise inspections will start and anyone found violating norms, will be booked and their shop closed, he said. Thermal screeners and sanitizing customers will also be made compulsory in the coming days.

Sarfaraz Khan, BBMP, Joint Commissioner, Solid waste management, said traders have been told that if any Covid case is reported and if there is any laxity, the markets will be closed again.

KIA saw 1.4M flyers in 100 days post unlocking

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IT has been 100 days since domestic air services resumed in India. The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) resumed air travel on May 25 after a two-month Covid-induced lockdown.

In 100 days, Kempegowda International Airport welcomed 1.4 million domestic passengers with 15,658 air traffic movements (ATMs). As compared to July, there was 39% growth in ATMs and over 47% growth in passenger traffic in August, indicating a positive trend with successive measures to unlock India's economy.

Several safety measures are being undertaken at the airport, including tech-enabled parking-to-boarding contactless journey and facial-recognition for self-boarding.

Initiatives including 'Touch-free Virtual Information Desks' are outcomes of public responses to the Voice of Pax survey conducted by BIAL. The survey recorded that more than 90% passengers considered air travel safer than any other other mode of transport.

Since domestic air services resumed, the city airport has reconnected with 49 of 58 domestic city pairs, achieving 84% of the pre-Covid network. Kolkata emerged as the top destination with 13% of domestic passengers travelling to and from BIAL, followed by Delhi with 11% and Patna 6%.

Final-year UVCE engineering students queue up outside the exam hall to write their papers, in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

UVCE starts final semester exams

Bengaluru: University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering has commenced examinations for final-semester students and those with backlogs. A total of 240 students will appear for exams. Theory exams for semester 8 will be completed on September 8, while practicals will begin on September 12. The results are expected to be out within an hour of the last exam's completion, an official note said. Covid guidelines are to be followed. ENS

EXPRESS READ

Nandi Hills opens to visitors from Sept 7

Chikballapur: Nandi Hills, a favourite getaway for people from Bengaluru, Mysuru and surrounding areas, will be open to visitors from Monday. Chikkaballapur DC R Latha on Tuesday said the tourist spot was shut down for nearly six months as a precautionary measure following the outbreak of Covid. It will be open between 8 am and 5 pm, and visitors have to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Additional police officers will be deployed in the area. ENS

'No point writing the exam this late'

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A student at a centre in KR Puram said that on day two, she has to go to a centre in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, which is on another side of the city altogether.

One of the officials in charge of the examination confirmed to *The New Indian Express* that this was due to the fact that B Arch and BE papers are not held at the same centre.

In the meanwhile, several students also opted out of the examination on Tuesday owing to different factors. "I have already taken admission in another college. They did not have an entrance examination and took students on the basis of the previous marks this time, and classes already started today," said a student.

"There is no point writing the exam this late and the academic year starting even later. I'm dropping a year," said another.

Students undergo thermal screening before entering an exam centre to write JEE Mains, in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

883 STUDENTS ENROLLED UNDER RTE

Bengaluru: As many as 883 students were allotted seats in private aided and unaided schools under Right to Education in the second round of lottery held on Tuesday. A total of 5,118 eligible children were considered for the lottery in the second round, according to an official release. The government had received a total of 11,466 applications under the Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. Of these, 11,026 applications were taken up during the first round of lottery on July 29 and 5,916 children were allotted schools. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02nd September: The Sun and Moon are meeting up again. Actually, we are heading for one of the most interesting alignments of the year and it is likely to encourage volatile passions and uncontrollable feelings. That's the forecast. The advice is to be clear, cool and collected - and infinitely tolerant and flexible.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It seems that you are better at giving advice than receiving it, but don't be surprised if people at home answer back. In love, romantic hopes are tied to domestic aspirations, which is in general a thorough-ghly good thing! An older relation might need a helping hand, by the way, so be ready.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You are set to gain emotionally and financially. This is not the moment to turn the tables on people who have got the better of you, but it is a fine point at which to stop and consider what can be done when your chance comes. As I'm sure you understand, there's no need to rush, and every advantage in moving at your own careful pace.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A new partnership will bring great good fortune at home. First, though, you may have to face a little disappointment openly and courageously. Deal with this well and your eventual success will be all the greater. Plus, if you're ready to experiment with new social activities you might find that you really do enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You should always remember that you were born under an ambitious sign and have much to accomplish. The moment you forget this and begin to imagine that you are always a sweet and sensitive person, you'll miss major opportunities and your hopes will begin to unravel.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You should always take the long-term view and make a point of broadening your horizons at every turn. It is time to take care of your own needs and aspirations, making it apparent to one and all that you are to be toyed with no longer. People who think otherwise may be in line for a shock.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's all too easy to jump to conclusions. Have you considered the possibility that you have got someone all wrong? It may be that you have interpreted a partner's behaviour more in line with what you would like to be the case, rather than in terms of what is actually true.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You should be less inclined to worry about partners' and relations' behaviour, for you will only get yourself all steamed up, and still be unable to do anything about it! At work, you should concentrate on getting on with people, as you might need loyal allies in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It's a useful moment to consider your physical well-being, taking whatever decisions are necessary to get into shape with diet and exercise. There's no need to go to extremes - just be sensible. And while you're at it, pursue a new interest now, rather than putting it off for ever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Some of your basic qualities are strengthened today, especially your adventurousness and your willingness to experiment with new lifestyles and ideas. Don't be afraid to break out, just as long as you have taken whatever advice is essential to avoid failure and guarantee success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There are sound reasons why this is not a good moment to finalise relationship matters unless you are one hundred and ten per cent certain. It is, however, a perfect period in which to open yourself to new partnerships and make new life-long friends.

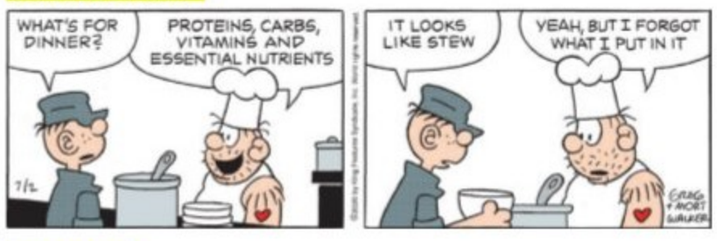
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Whatever praise or approval you now receive will surely be well-deserved, but never let flattery go to your head. Plus, you should watch out for creeping complacency. If you rest on your laurels for a moment, opportunity may begin to slip from your grasp.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Costs may be increasing, but that is of little significance at the moment. What is very much more important is that you make a bid for romantic happiness. In the final analysis it's all down to your ability to alter your perspective on one particular person.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

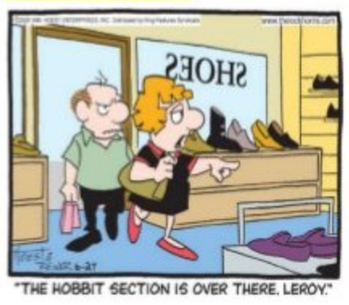
BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE

DO YOU KIDS EVER DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR PHONES?
OF COURSE, DAD!
SEE? I JUST MESSAGED MY BUDDY THIS PIC COOKIE POSTED OF ME NOT TEXTING!
I'LL FORWARD IT TO YOU, SO YOU CAN SEE I DON'T ALWAYS USE MY PHONE!
WHAT WAS I THINKING?

LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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6	1						9	8
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MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	4	6	3	7	9	8	5	2
7	8	9	2	4	5	1	6	3
2	3	5	6	1	8	4	7	9
9	2	3	7	5	1	6	4	8
5	1	8	4	9	6	3	2	7
6	7	4	8	3	2	5	9	1
8	9	7	5	6	3	2	1	4
3	6	1	9	2	4	7	8	5
4	5	2	1	8	7	9	3	6

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TUBAO

NAPKL

CPITKE

CAUTLA

Is this a joke? Do you actually think I'm going to wear this?
Really? But it has your initial on it! I guess I'll return it.
WHEN SHE DIDN'T LIKE THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT HE GAVE HER, HE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LLAMA FRAUD GOALIE TANGLE
Answer: The gym installed some mediocre jogging machines that were — RUN OF THE MILL

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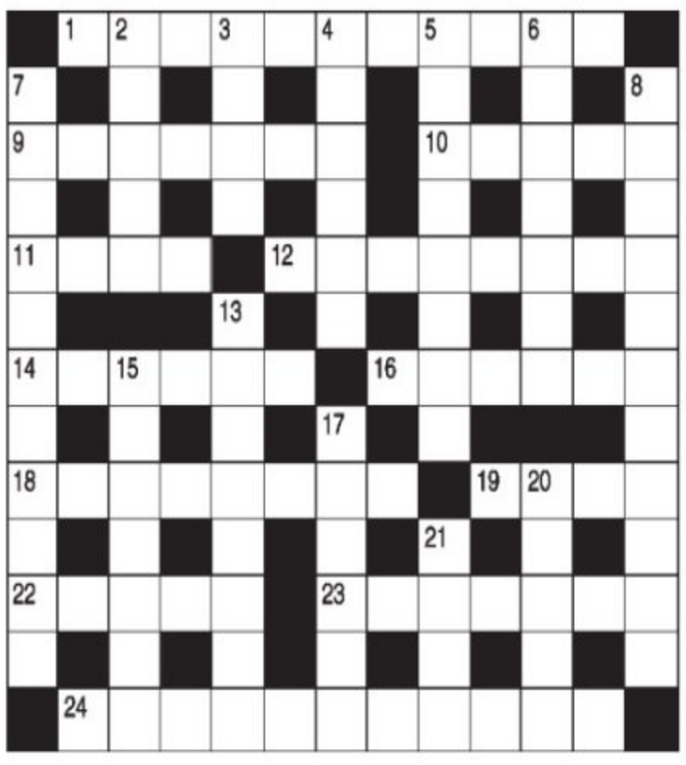
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Eccentric inventor with madmen in the background (11)
9 Secret service man on lowest rate of pay (7)
10 It has changed states in an old-fashioned way (5)
11 Make a submission to a higher authority (4)
12 It's twice as expensive. What a pity! (4,4)
14 Head the French members of the upper classes (6)
16 Successfully retired? (6)
18 Defamed a large number and got into a row (8)
19 Repaired shoes soundly and disposed of them (4)
22 One so confused may be caught by it (5)
23 Brings into line higher-priced fruit (7)
24 Bent on submission (2,4,5)

DOWN

2 One is unusually sound (5)
3 Country that is right to put Scotsman out (4)
4 Beginner in a key role (6)
5 I'm upset by the strain of being a teacher (8)
6 New native quarter shows simplicity (7)
7 A candidate who fails to keep it is unlikely to get it (11)
8 Professional man who goes to work on foot (11)
13 A watercolour? (3,5)
15 One of the party windbags? (7)
17 Objects about Eastern drums (6)
20 A change of route is quite out of the ordinary (5)
21 It was heaven on earth while it lasted (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cattle, 4 State aid, 9 Admire, 10 Retainer, 12 Norm, 13 Motor, 14 Zinc, 17 Shooting star, 20 Thermometers, 23 Olaf, 24 Edwin, 25 Magi, 28 Smashing, 29 Garden, 31 Revolt.

Down: 1 Clannish, 2 Tomorrow, 3 Lore, 5 The worst of it, 6 Toad, 7 Auntie, 8 Direct, 11 Country dance, 15 Itchy, 16 Taken prisoner, 18 Yes and no, 19 Assignat, 21 Gossip, 22 Malawi, 26 Ohio, 27 Fate.

The Bangalore Development Authority on Tuesday night announced the postponement of the virtual public conference, scheduled to be held on September 3 to discuss environmental issues pertaining to the Peripheral Ring Road project, to 11 am of September 23

Financial woes, solutions to top cabinet agenda

Reopening of pubs, bars will generate jobs, revenue for cash-strapped govt

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE State government's financial situation — which has posed a challenge for the past two quarters — and ways to tide over it, will be one of the main issues that will figure at the next cabinet meeting on Thursday. The government is expected to prune grants and developmental outlays to many constituents who are seeking funds.

Excise minister H Nagesh told *TNIE* that the reopening of clubs, bars and restaurants and pubs on Tuesday would directly result in generation of jobs. Many of the employees who had gone back home would now return to work.

Asked about the expected revenue, he said reopening of this sector is expected to ease up the State's financial condition.

Economist and former director, ISEC, Prof RS Deshpande said, "The options before the government are many. It can opt for public borrowing by going in for bonds with a lock-in period, it can increase non-tax revenue sources like selling sites or going in for new layouts that will fetch money, it can make the process of stamps and registration easier so that pending registrations can be completed and earn money for the government. It can also increase certain cesses and taxes, on commodities like petroleum, or look at borrowing from international agencies like the World Bank, but through the central government, for ongoing infrastructure projects."

The government is exploring all options, as one source told *TNIE*, "The government has a week's time to consider which option to exercise."

At several meetings, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has expressed his opinion on prudence in matters of fiscal discipline, and is expected to take a similar line at the upcoming cabinet meeting.

A bartender gets busy at a pub in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Drug menace: Cong to take up issue in Assembly

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THE drug racket in the state that was busted by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), is likely to come up for discussion during the Legislative session starting September 21, with the Congress wanting to bring it up.

Congress state unit working president and MLA Eshwar Khandre on Tuesday said that he will take up the issue in the Assembly. "We have to put an end to it by taking stern action against all those involved, be it people from film industry, those related to officials or politicians," he said, adding that he will demand tough measures to put an end to it.

Several Congress, JDS and even the ruling BJP's legislators are likely to discuss the issue in the session and demand action against those involved. In the last few days, leaders cutting across party-lines have expressed concern over the drug racket.

Meanwhile, BJP leader and former Deputy Speaker N Yogish Bhat, who had prepared a detailed report in 2012 on the drug menace in the state, said there is a need to strengthen the system at all levels – state, districts and police stations. Bhat said he had looked into the issue in detail and prepared the report, following complaints from parents of college students.

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Congress leader Siddaramaiah attends a meeting to pay tributes to former President Pranab Mukherjee in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Right: The national flag flies at half-mast at Vidhana Soudha | NAGARAJA GADEKAL, VINOD KUMAR T

Cong leaders pay tributes to Pranabda

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SENIOR Congress leaders in the state on Tuesday paid tributes to former president Pranab Mukherjee, who passed away on Monday, and reminisced on their association with him.

"He was Congress' troubleshooter and always took responsibility to resolve any crisis faced by the party," former CM Siddaramaiah said, adding that Mukherjee had given him suggestions when he met him after joining the Congress, and also after he became CM.

Rajya Sabha member Mallikarjun Kharge too recalled his association with Mukherjee from when they were campaigning for Indira Gandhi in 1978. "He had visited Kalaburagi twice and suggested that we start a Pali Institute at Buddha Vihar. When we informed him that it is difficult to get Pali language teachers, he even offered to send them from West Bengal," he said.

Kharge, however, added he was always curious about the reasons for the former president's visit to RSS headquarters in Nagpur in 2018, but never got an opportunity to ask him.

Former Union minister K H Muniyappa recounted that Mukherjee, as a minister in the UPA government, had supported the request to reopen KGF.

Senior Congress leader and MLC B K Hariprasad recalled a time when he and Mukherjee had visited Rajnagar subdivision in Mahakalapada area of Odisha, which was hit by a cyclone in 1999. The Karnataka government under SM Krishna had adopted the subdivision.

"We were visiting the place to oversee the adoption programme. It was a trail of destruction — fallen trees, electric poles and telephone lines. In certain parts, it was so bad that entire stretches of road had been washed away. Mukherjee and I were ferried on motorcycles over unmotorable roads, and even took a ferry to visit an island where people were stranded," he added.

HDK demands white paper on state's finances

'Dangerous trend'

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said it is a dangerous development that GDP growth has slumped by -23%. PM Narendra Modi "absolving himself of the responsibility and blaming Covid" is a more dangerous development, he said, and blamed demonetisation, faulty implementation of GST, and clueless ministers for challenging state of finances.

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government should bring out a white paper to reveal the truth about the state's finances, former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said.

Speaking exclusively to TNIE, he said the main contributors to the State treasury are the departments of commercial taxes, excise, stamps and registration and transport, and all these heads have suffered because of the great slowdown. "Experts say that GDP growth is around -23 per cent nationally. We have to examine the effect of this slowdown on the State and take corrective measures. Will the slowdown worsen? Everyone understands that it has a telling effect on revenue earning sectors," he said.

He said the State government should devise strategies to stop any misuse of funds and ensure every rupee is wisely invested, which it has failed to do so far. "Unless the government makes all expenditure wise and productive, things will be difficult. Certain irresponsible decisions of the government have come to our notice, which we will take up at an appropriate time."

The JDS and Congress, meanwhile, are preparing their strategies to put the government on the mat during the legislature session. Assembly secretary M K Vishalakshi put out an official note stating that the session will begin on September 21 and end on September 30.

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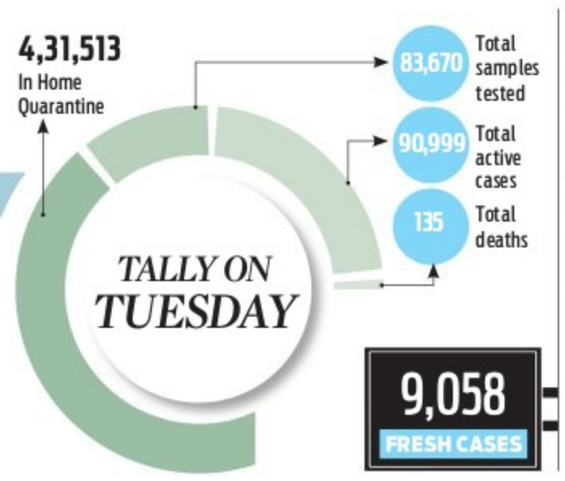

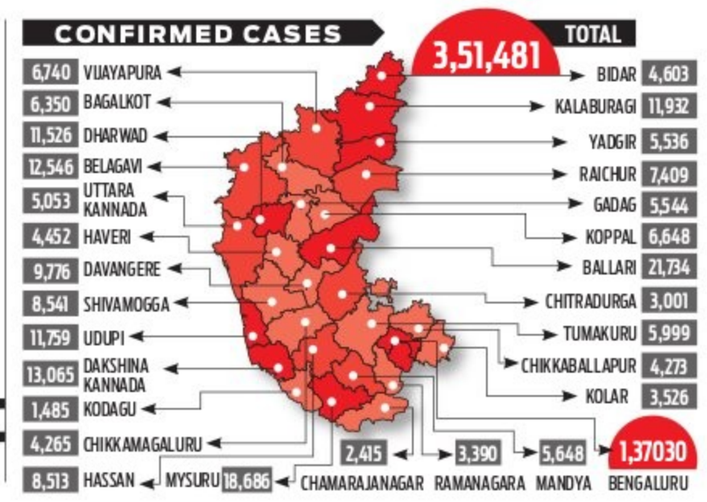

KARNATAKA BREACHES 9,000-MARK AGAIN

For second time, state crosses 9K cases; 135 deaths reported, Bengaluru Urban tops the list with 40 fatalities

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For the second time, the state crossed the 9,000 plus mark of Covid-19 cases on August 31. A total of 9,058 cases were recorded, bringing the tally to 3,51,481. The first time was on August 26 when the State recorded 9,386 cases.

Bengaluru Urban saw a jump of 1,000 cases. While 1,862 cases were recorded on Sunday, 2,967 was the number on Monday.

While the state saw 135 Covid-19 deaths, Bengaluru Urban recorded 40 deaths, crossing the 2,000 mark with the total deaths at 2,005. The state's total death tally stands at 5,837.

"The case fatality rate in BBMP limits in the last 15 days has been 1.6%. The Government of India wants it less than 1%. We are striving to that end. Since the beginning of July, contact tracing has been 10 times more in terms of contacts per patient. And the positivity rate is about 10% which was 23% in early July," said Munish Moudgil, In charge of the State War Room.

This apart, about 25,000 tests per day are being conducted now in BBMP limits. "In the beginning of July, 4,000 tests per day were conducted. Now, it's six times more," added Moudgil.

Apart from Bengaluru Urban, the other districts in the state also have been seeing a high number of cases. For instance, of the total 9,058 cases in the State on August 31, Mysuru recorded 737, followed by Hassan with 461, Ballari 393 cases and Belagavi 316.

With 192 fresh cases, Tumakuru has breached the 6,000 mark, taking the tally to 6,148.

Mysuru district saw the highest positivity rate over a 15-day period at 25.6% , followed by Shivamogga with 23.2%, Ballari 21.8% and Gadag with 21.4%. Bengaluru Urban's positivity rate stands at 11%.

The high number of transmission of Covid-19 cases has been through domestic travel which constitutes 1,96,756 cases and 1,03,504 are under investigation.

Of the total number of cases in the State, 26,897 are due to ILI, 5,046 SARI cases and 791 are with international travel history.

A high number of samples were tested in a single day with 83,670 tests on Tuesday.

Chief secy tells officials to lower positivity rate

A road in Kengeri that has been sealed after the area was declared a containment zone, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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CHIEF Secretary TM Vijay Bhaskar on Tuesday directed officials to bring down Covid-related fatality and positivity rates in Bengaluru and the state.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad, who too attended the meeting, told *The New Indian Express* that these numbers can be brought down only with aggressive testing and ensuring that there is no backlog of cases. In June, the positivity rate was 25% and it has now been reduced to 10%. While only 3,000 tests were conducted that month, it has now increased to 30,000 with no backlog of cases, he added.

> Officials should test targeted populations and not waste test kits. The number of Covid Care Centres should be reduced as people are preferring home quarantine
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Vijay Bhaskar said that officials should test targeted populations and not waste test kits. The number of Covid Care Centres should be reduced as people are preferring home quarantine.

Records showed that against the target of 40,400 tests per day, 50,335 rapid antigen tests have been conducted in the last three days. Also, against the target of 20,600 RT-PCR tests, 1,41,609 have been done over the same period.

The data showed that Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology has conducted 633.7 per cent of the targeted tests, which is the highest among all the 43 testing centres in Bengaluru. Against a target of 1,000 samples, 19,012 tests were done over the last three days. It was followed by St John's Medical College and Hospital, which conducted 319% of the targeted tests. As against 70 tests, it conducted 670.

In the last five days, the maximum number of contacts have been traced in South Zone where cases too are high. With the detection of 1,673 new cases, 15,535 primary and secondary contacts were traced. It was followed by West Zone, which reported 1,686 new cases and traced 10,559 contacts. Average contacts traced is the highest in Mahadevapura Zone at 10.2 per cent, while the lowest is West Zone with 6.3 per cent.

Officials at the meeting told Vijay Bhaskar that in many cases, patients are still reluctant to reveal their accurate details and contacts, which indicates that the stigma still prevails.

ROAD TEST

Health workers conduct free, random testing on the footpath outside Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

Cabin(et) fever: 2 more Karnataka ministers test positive for Covid-19

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JUST weeks ahead of the scheduled legislature session, two more ministers in the B S Yediyurappa cabinet have tested positive for coronavirus.

Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj K S Eshwarappa on Tuesday said he had tested positive for Covid, while on Monday evening, Women and Child Development minister Shahsikala Jolle too stated that she had contracted the virus.

Including Chief Minister Yediyurappa, eight ministers in the state cabinet have been infected.

"I have been confirmed as Covid-positive today. There are no problems with my health, but have been advised hospitalised treatment by doctors. I am hopeful that I will recover soon with everyone's good wishes," Eshwarappa tweeted on Tuesday evening.

Shashikala Jolle, however, has been advised home isolation. The minister said that she is asymptomatic.

Party and cabinet colleagues, including Yediyurappa, wished quick recovery for both ministers. BJP MLA from Tirthahalli and Karnataka Housing Board Chairman Araga Gnanendra too tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday.

Ministers who have tested positive so far

- **B S Yediyurappa,** Chief Minister
- **C T Ravi,** Minister for Tourism and Kannada and Culture
- **B C Patil,** Agriculture Minister
- **Anand Singh,** Forest Minister
- **B Sriramulu,** Health Minister
- **S T Somashekhar,** Minister for Cooperation

Among Opposition leaders who have tested are KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah, his son and Varuna MLA Dr Yathindra, MLA GT Devegowda, JDS leader HD Revanna, and others.

MLA DONATES AMBULANCE TO NGO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

FOLLOWING a report published in The New Indian Express on the NGO, 'Help For Needy (HFN)', Belagavi North MLA Anil Benake donated an ambulance to the organisation on Tuesday.

The New Indian Express had published the report, 'Covid: Social worker, friends lend helping hand to needy', on August 31. Benake, who came across the report, contacted social worker Surendra Angolkar and expressed his desire to help HFN, not from MLA LAD funds, but from his own pocket.

The report had highlighted the social initiatives taken up by Angolkar under the banner of HFN to fight Covid, and he is being helped by his friends. *The New Indian Express* report mentioned that HFN is planning to start ambulance services soon.

EXPRESS IMPACT

Thanking Benake for the donation, Angolkar and his friends Praveen Patil, Sharad Patil, Madhuri Jadhav, Milind Bhosale and others urged the MLA to flag off the ambulance service. They also thanked businessman Lalaram Chodh for consenting to donate funds for modifying the van as an ambulance with all the facilities required for handling Covid patients.

COVID CHARITY

Lecturers pay school fees of fifty students

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

AS a large number of families have lost their source of income due to the Covid-induced lockdown, they are not coming forward to admit their wards to colleges in Shirahatti. To prevent students from losing out on their education, faculties of a college have pooled in resources and paid the admission fees of 50 students.

A total of 11 lecturers of FM Dabali Arts College in the town have paid for 50 students who have been admitted to the first and second year of the pre-university course. Moved by the gesture of the faculty members, the college management also joined in by sponsoring many students for the current academic year.

As students from economically backward agricultural backgrounds and daily wage labourers were not coming for admissions, the lecturers decided to visit their homes to tell them that they will pay the fees so that they can attend college. This initiative by the college lecturers attracted many students.

Elated over the aid, Sharanu, a student said, "As my parents work as daily wage labourers, I also had to work to support the family. Around Rs 3,000 was required to study in college. I almost gave up my plans to study this year. However, our lecturers helped and I thank all of them."

Y S Patil, a college management committee member said, "Many students were hesitant to come to college due to the pandemic. Even they wanted to contribute to their families by working. So our college lecturers showed interest in bringing such students to college. The college administration committee has also decided to help if more poor students want to get admission. It is just our duty amid the pandemic."

BBMP 'marshals' harassing us, complain pvt hospitals

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

PRIVATE hospitals complain that men claiming to be BBMP garbage marshals (ex-servicemen roped in to monitor littering in public and impose fines) are harassing them, accusing them of not segregating waste properly. The men come without any notice or government order, and show pictures of mixed waste that hospitals are not sure is from their premises.

Dr R Ravindra, president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association, which has received complaints from several hospitals, said, "These men show up unannounced with some pictures. They need to inform us if they want to inspect the hospital, and a staff member will accompany them. How do we know these pictures are not fake? They demand a fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs 2 lakh in cash, and threaten that if hospitals don't pay, the media will be informed. This appears to be a money-making racket."

Dr Suresh Krishnamurthy K, managing partner, Excelcare Hospital in Banashankari, said the men accused the hospital of mixing bio-medical and regular waste, last Saturday.

"We are NABH-accredited hospitals and follow all procedures. They said they will release the pictures to the media, if we don't pay the fine. They need to give a notice for a first-time offence, instead of imposing a stiff fine. The matter was resolved after we wrote to the BBMP, saying we will take action for the laxity," Dr Krishnamurthy said.

A hospital staffer speaks to visitors outside Ghousia Hospital in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

At Punya Hospital in Basaveshwaranagar, men claiming to be marshals allegedly accused staffers of mixing waste. "We told them the garbage is in our premises and yet to be segregated. They had no order copy. We are working hard to treat Covid patients and struggling without staff. At a time like this, they shouldn't harass us. They apologised and left," said Dr Nagaraj Puttuswamy, managing director of Punya Hospital.

Dr Nagaraj cited another incident, when men claiming to be BBMP officials asked the hospital to pay Rs 15,000 to sanitise the footpath and street, and said the money is meant to pay volunteers. "We said we will think about it, but they didn't turn up again," he added.

D Randeep, Special Commissioner, Solid Waste Management, said BBMP marshals can be identified by their uniforms with their names stitched on, and also carry ID cards.

"Bio-medical waste offences can attract a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh. During the pandemic, bio-medical waste should not be mixed. Karnataka State Pollution Control Board is the overseeing authority. If hospitals find the fine steep, they can appeal to their zone's Joint Commissioner," Randeep explained.

Sidelined for RFO promotions, direct-recruit foresters up in arms

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

FORESTERS in Karnataka, who are direct recruits and at the forefront of protection duties, are up in arms as their promotion to the RFO posts have been sidelined. According to deputy range forest officers (all direct recruits), this is due to the prevailing confusion in some five forest circles despite the apex court order and the Ajai Mishra committee report. On their part, the Forest department said the respective Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) of these five circles have to rectify the matter at their end.

These circles include: Kanara, Bengaluru, Chikkamagaluru, Belagavi and Ballari.

The affected DRFOs said in these five circles, especially Kanara, the guidelines given by the apex court are not being followed while the seniority list has not been revised as per the committee report. They added, "We have submitted our memorandum to the Additional Chief Secretary (Forest) and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF). The SC order says promotions have to be given with retrospective effect. The seniority list for promotion of directly recruited foresters has been completely mismanaged."

OVER TO PCCF

PCCF and Head of Forest Force Sanjay Mohan said, "I have told the CCFs and they have to take up the matter and rectify it at their end."

Nearly 1,000 affected DRFOs have appealed to the government for rectifying the mistakes committed in the 'promotion list'. The direct recruitment of DRFOs was done in 2010-11 and their promotion to the post of Range Forest Officers is now being done as per the Supreme Court order (Pavithra case judgment), 2017. The State government also set up a 13-member committee on this issue which gave its report in 2019. The seniority of a forester has to be revised as per the committee report given by PCCF Ajai Mishra.

The DRFOs said that the list of promotions which was prepared by the respective CCFs in the five circles is full of bloomers and not been rectified till date despite filing objections.

One of the affected DRFOs added, "Some major mistakes have been committed and notice has been issued to 30-40 foresters who have filed objections. They have to draw a proper seniority list as per the committee report. The department has agreed that mistakes have been committed but till date, no corrective measures have been taken."

Holalkere MLA M Chandrappa took charge as the Chairman of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) at its head office in Bengaluru on Tuesday

THE WAR ON DRUGS

NCB BUSTS GLOBAL NARCOTICS RACKET

Drugs bound for Mumbai, Goa, Delhi, Bengaluru; celebs on radar; payment made through cryptocurrency on darknet

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

IN cross-country operations, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has unearthed an international drug racket, which feeds into the demand of banned drugs in metros like Mumbai, Bengaluru and Delhi.

The anti-drug raids conducted under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act have also exposed the inter-connection of suppliers in the three cities, which have huge demand for contraband party drugs, especially MDMA, LSD and Bud or curated marijuana. "Payment for the contraband, which have reportedly been smuggled from the US and Canada, is made through cryptocurrency on the darknet," said NCB sources.

The operations in Mumbai exposed links among Mumbai, Goa and Bengaluru, when NCB, Bengaluru zonal unit, intercepted F Ahmed – a driver with a prominent resort at Calangute in Goa – who had reportedly "supplied contraband narcotic drugs to a prominent receiver in Bengaluru, who has links with some celebrities", an officer said.

Last week, the NCB had busted a drug trafficking racket in Bengaluru, where "some prominent musicians and actors" were reportedly involved, and had arrested three people and seized a huge cache of MDMA tablets and LSD blots from them, along with Rs 2 lakh in cash.

"Ahmed was intercepted, and on interrogation, revealed that he had supplied drugs to someone in Bengaluru, who has links with some celebrities," the officer said.

In Delhi, NCB officers seized 3.5 kg of Bud, which was allegedly "smuggled from the US and was to be sent to Mumbai. The consignee was reportedly misguided that the consignment was some legal stuff sourced from America", he said.

In another operation, the NCB seized a cache of contraband drugs in Mumbai, which was sourced from Canada and destined for Goa. "Bud is primarily sourced from the US and Canada, and has a huge market in Mumbai's underbelly. The street price of bud is over Rs 5,000 per gram. Prices depend on demand," the officer added.

8.5kg marijuana seized at airport

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN one of the biggest drug seizures effected at the Kempegowda International Airport, 8.5kg of high-quality marijuana, a psychoactive drug banned in India, was intercepted in huge parcels which landed here in a cargo flight from Washington. The drugs, valued at over Rs 2 crore in the market, were meant for dispatch to Bengaluru, Tumakuru and Hyderabad, said a highly-placed source in the Customs department.

The marijuana was cleverly concealed inside some equipment in the form of three parcels, on a DHL cargo flight which reached KIA on Sunday. "Following a tip-off in our internal network about its contents on Monday, we slashed open the huge packages which contained water dispensers and a powered air compressor. The drugs were neatly packaged inside with a carbon kind of coating around them to avoid detection."

The maximum quantity of 4.5 kg of marijuana in a single big package was intended for an addressee in Bengaluru, while two parcels totally containing 3.5 kg of marijuana were intended for Hyderabad, and 0.5 kg was for bound for Tumakuru," a top official said.

The marijuana that was intercepted from a courier flight at KIA on Tuesday | EXPRESS

"It is a kind of concentrated marijuana, so the rate is very high. While one gram would cost around Rs 2,200 in the US, it would be sold for a much higher price in India as it is highly sought after," the source said.

This is one of the biggest consignments we have seized so far, he added. Just recently, the Customs department had provided TNIE with stats that showed that smuggling of both narcotics and gold had dipped massively at KIA due to the nearly 90% dip in passenger traffic.

Marijuana is a combination of the leaves, stem and buds of the cannabis plant and can cause a range of physical and psychological problems.

Trafficking or even possession of marijuana is a serious offence and cases are booked under the stringent Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Act, 1985 against those found with it.

Indrajit Lankesh didn't give enough details, cops to summon him again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WHILE director and journalist Indrajit Lankesh had claimed that he had provided videos and photos as evidence for substance abuse by some Kannada film actors to the police, the police have said that no material or evidence was provided and he will be summoned again.

Lankesh, who had made serious allegations that Kannada film actors were involved in drug racket and abuse, had appeared before the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police on Monday and had shared information with the police. Speaking to reporters later, he had claimed that he had revealed the names of 15 film personalities and had also shared videos as evidence.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said that Lankesh will be asked to come again in a day or two to provide evidence, if he has any.

> **We are enquiring into it legally and we will call him again and give him an opportunity to give any evidence to support his statement. Also, we will do our own enquiry to collect evidences at the same time**
>
> Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil

Meanwhile, sources said that preparations were on to summon some of the actors whose names were revealed by Lankesh. "We are collecting necessary details that are required before calling anyone for enquiry. Once we have those details, they will be summoned to appear before the police," an official said.

CRIME PATROL

Police pick up six drug peddlers

Bengaluru: Police nabbed six drug peddlers in separate incidents on Monday. Three peddlers, from West Bengal, were apprehended by Begur police, who seized 11 kg of ganja worth Rs 4.4 lakh from them. An officer said they received a tipoff about the suspects – Mohammed Alamgeer, Mohammed Ripun and Mohar – who were caught as they arrived by train in the city. Inspection revealed ganja in their baggage. During interrogation, the gang confessed that they planned to sell the drug to customers in Vishwapriya Layout in Begur. They have been doing this for a year. Meanwhile, Devanahalli police arrested two men, and seized 3.5 kg ganja worth Rs 2 lakh from them. The accused, Muniraju and Nagesh, used to sell drugs at dhabas and restaurants on Sulibele road. Madanayakanahalli police nabbed a peddler Shivaprasad, when he was selling drugs to students in Kadabagere, and seized 300gm of ganja.

B'luru riots: Cops raid 3 SDPI offices

Bengaluru: CCB police, who are investigating the DJ Halli riots, raided three Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) offices on Tuesday. Police said they raided party offices in DJ Halli, KG Halli and Halasuru Gate on Tuesday based on a tip off that materials used in the riots were kept in these places. "However, no incriminating materials were found during the raid. We only found some books and placards used in anti-CAA/NRC protests," an official added.

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Dt.- 27.08.2020

SHO (BGLR) ANO MANUAL AUCTION PUBLICATION NOTICE

For and on the behalf of President Of India DIG SHQ (BGLR) ANO ITBP Bengaluru, it is informed to all that condemned vehicle Regt.No. CHOIGI-1927 Car Ambassador placed at Sector Head Qutater (BGLR) ANO ITBP. Sundarhalli Camp. Distt Chikballapur (Karnataka)-562102 will be manually auctioned on 26.09.2020 at 1100 hrs (AM). You are invited to participate in auction. For more information please check I.T.B.P website www.itbp.gov.in and contact on below given phone nos.
PHONE NO- 8328618931,6395499737

Sd/-
(C.R.JAT)
DIG SHQ (BGLR) ANO, ITBP

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THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
DIVISIONAL OFFICE
No.6, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore – 560 004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Issued Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 27.01.2020** calling upon the borrower **1. M/s. Blue Whale Machinery Technologies Pvt Ltd,** Rep By: **Mr. Deepak Dhirajlal Mehta (Director), Mrs. Rina Mehta (Director),** Having Registered Office at: No. 284, 2nd Floor, between 17th and 18th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003; **(2) Mr. Deepak Dhirajlal Mehta,** S/o. Dhirajlal Mehta and **(3) Mrs. Rina Mehta,** W/o. Mr. Deepak Dhirajlal Mehta both residing at B 103, "Pride Pavilion", 2/1, Service Road, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010 to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs.6,49,24,639.13** (Rupees Six Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Four Thousands Six Hundreds Thirty Nine and Thirteen Paise only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27th day of August of the year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.6,49,24,639.13** (Rupees Six Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Four Thousands Six Hundreds Thirty Nine and Thirteen Paise only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: ITEM 1: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat situated at "PRIDE PAVILION", Flat No. B 103, First Floor, New No. 18/B (Municipal No: 2/1, (Old No: 155)), Sy No:116/4, BBMP Ward No: 20, PID No: 20-37-18/B (Old No: 2-37-2/1), Saneguruvanahalli Village, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage Extension, Bangalore – 560010 measuring 1567 sq feet with UDS of 431.93 sq feet bounded on: East by: West of Chord Road, West by: Road, North by: Private Property and South by: Private Property.

ITEM 2: All that piece and parcel of the Commercial Unit situated at "S.J. Towers", portion of the Second Floor, Corporation No. 30/6-1, Mission Road, Corporation Division No. 73, Bangalore measuring 756 sq feet with UDS of 148 sq feet bounded on: East by: Mr. Chunnilal's Property, West by: Mr. Arshiwala's Property, North by: Mr. Kanakasabhapathy's Property and South by: Mission Road.

ITEM 3: All that piece and parcel of the vacant site carved out of the converted land in Sy No. 65 as detailed below: **SITE No.1:** Khatha No. 1295/121/1, "E" Property No. 150200201100320237, measuring East to West: 12.19 meters and North to South: 13.84 meters, in all measuring 168.73 sq meters, bounded on: East by: Pathway, West by: 9 Meter Road, North by: 9 Meter Road and South by: Site No. 2.

SITE No. 2: Khatha No. 1196/121/2, "E" Property No.150200201100320139, measuring East to West: 12.19 meters and North and South: 9.14 meters, in all measuring 111.41 sq meters, bounded on: East by: Pathway, West by: 30 Feet Road, North by: Site No. 1 and South by: Site No. 3.

SITE No. 3: Khatha no. 1197/121/3, "E" Property No.150200201100320185, measuring East to West: 12.19 meters and North to South by: 9.14 meters, in all measuring 111.41 sq meters, bounded on: East by: Pathway, West by: 30 Feet Road, North by: Site No. 2 and South by: Site No. 4.

ITEM 4: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing no. C- 902, 9th Floor, Carnation Block, measuring 1278 sq feet with UDS of 498.173 sq feet contained in the residential apartment complex "Pride Springfields", situated at Sy No. 55/2, Municipal No. 496/55/2 Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bounded on: East by: Private Layout and Survey No. 61/2, West by: Jayanagar HBCS Layout Road, North by: Property belonging to Sri. Govindaraju and Survey No. 55/1 and South by: Private Property and Property belonging to Sri. Thamayya

ITEM 5: Hypothecation of the entire current assets owned by the company including stock of all types and goods (present and future) lying in their premises elsewhere including stock in transit and all present and future book debts/receivables of the Company.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 27.08.2020

Sd/- Authorized Officer
THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

IDBI BANK
CIN : L65190MH2004GO1148838
Center Head,
IDBI Bank-RAC, Ashwini Complex,
No. 326, 6th Main Road, 80ft. Road,
Indiranagar, 560038

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the Notice is hereby given that one of our customer **Shri. K Nirmal Kumar & S Banumathy** has deposited title deeds with IDBI Bank Limited, Indiranagar, Bangalore as security to secure housing loan of **Rs. 34,00,000/-** with respect to his properties as mentioned in the schedule herein below, registered as Doc. No **22853/06-07** dated **30-11-2006** of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore for creation of Equitable Mortgage to secure the financial assistance granted by the Bank.

IDBI Bank Ltd. stored the documents at Stock Holding Document Management Services and the same were partially damaged in the fire accident on December **11, 2017.** The title deeds with respect to the Schedule property specifically mentioned herein below were destroyed.

Hence, this is to inform the General Public at large in view of destruction of said documents, any claim by person/s, institution/s. etc., that they have the said title deeds in their custody / security shall not be taken as evidence and shall not be acted upon.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Plot Nos. 21&22 of Sy.No.6/7, Khatha no. 2326 kasavanahalli village, varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. This schedule property converts from Agricultural to non-agricultural Residential use by deputy commissioner vide official memorandum no. BDS/ALN(S)/a/138/94-95 dt.26.12.1994 and this is a single unit plot and not forming part of any layout. The scheduled property measuring is East to west Northern side 114 feet, East to West South Side 103 feet and North to South 84 feet in all 9114 sft and bounded on the: EAST BY: Private property, WEST BY: 50 feet road, NORTH BY: 30 feet road, SOUTH BY: Private Property

Date : 01.09.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDBI Bank Limited

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **23-10-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. Anuganti Venkata Ramana,** S/o, Anuganti Ethirajulu Naidu, Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, "SV Paradise", No. 32, 3rd Cross Arehalli, Near Brundavan Apartment, Bangalore - 560 061, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. A. Prema,** W/o, Anuganti Venkata Ramana, Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, "SV Paradise",No. 32, 3rd Cross Arehalli, Near Brundavan Apartment, Bangalore - 560 061, **Guarantor: Mr. K. Rojer Suneel,** S/o, Kongara Doraswamy Naidu, Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, "SV Paradise", No. 32, 3rd Cross Arehalli, Near Brundavan Apartment, Bangalore - 560 061 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 1851870001139** being **Rs. 24,53,135/-** with further interest from **17-10-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **27th day of August 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, No. 3494-95, First Floor, Jana Plaza, 9th Main, Kaveri Nagar main Road, Opp: Kaveri Nagar Bus stop and Rama temple, Banashankari, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 070 vide **Loan Account No. 1851870001139** for an amount of **Rs.27,20,992/-** with further interest from **25-08-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

Schedule-A:
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 32 formed in Survey No. 17/1, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 58 feet, now comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on:
East by: Property No. 33 **West by:** Property No. 31 **North by:** 30 feet Road **South by:** Private Property

Schedule-B:
A 2 Bedroom Apartment bearing No. SF-01 in the Second Floor measuring super built up area of 1150 Sq.ft., along with one covered car parking place together with 232 Sq.ft., of undivided share right title and interest in the land of schedule "A" property and the project known as S.V.PRADISE".

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **27-08-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHAHANAWAZ BEGUM,** D/o Sheik Abbas @ Syed Abbas @ Hakim Syed Abbas, W/o Syed Iqbal Hussain, Aged about 75 years, residing at No.46/1, Netaji Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, Declare that **SHAHANAWAZ BEGUM, SHAHNAWAZ BEGUM, SHAHNAZ BEGUM** and **SHANAZ BEGUM,** are one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **MOHAMED ARSHED AHMED,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **OM PRAKASH JADUNATH JAGATHI** S/o **JADUNATH JAGATHI** R/at No.1208, Nandipark, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560083 have Changed my name to **OM PRAKASH JAGATI,** vide affidavit dated: 01/09/2020 Before Notary **Prakash.C** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, P ANJALI (OLD NAME) R/a NA-109, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013. have changed my name to **ANJALI P HATTIKATAGI (NEW NAME)** vide Affidavit Dated-31-08-2020 sworn Before Notary K C Pemmaiah Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) NAVEEN P.L, S/o. Lokeshappa.P.T., residing at No. 53/5, Siddamma Building Near Bhajane Mane, Jaraganahalli, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) NAVEENA.P.L.** vide affidavit dated 01/09/2020 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHAMI ULLA KHAN** S/o late Janisab, aged about 65 years, residing at House number 139, B.D.A Layout, G Block, Lingarajupuram, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **SHAMI ULLA** to **SHAMI ULLA KHAN,** vide affidavit dated 31.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR. M,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. KUMARA SWAMY. S. S S/o Shambhulingappa, aged about 49 years, R/at Shivara, Gurugadahalli Post, Kasaba Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur 572202, have changed my name from **Mr. KUMARSWAMY. S** to **"Mr. KUMARA SWAMY. S. S".** vide affidavit dated 01.09.2020 sworn to before Notary H. Sridhar Rao, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PUNDALEEKAPPA HATTAKATAGI R/a NA-109, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013. have changed my minor daughter name from veena (old name) to **VEENA P HATTIKATAGI (NEW NAME)** Vide Affidavit Dated-31-08-2020 Sworn Before Notary K C Pemmaiah Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEEPTHI G.H.,** W/o. Mahesh Kumar Silampur, aged about 37 years, residing at No. 884, 'B' Block, AECS Layout, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Hosur Main Road, Singasandra, Bangalore - 560 068, have changed my minor daughter name from **LAASYA SILAMPUR** to **LASHYA SILAMPURE.** Vide affidavit dated 29-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary S. Nagaraja, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SIRAJ KHAN** S/o Shami Ulla Khan, aged about 35 years, residing at House number 139, 5th Cross B.D.A Layout, G Block, Lingarajupuram, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **SERAJ. D.S.** to **SIRAJ KHAN,** vide affidavit dated 31.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR. M,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ZAREEN TAJ, residing at # 276, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore have changed my name from **ZAREEN TAJ** to **KEERTHI BHAT** vide affidavit dated 18-08-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary Purushottom Bhat M. at Mangaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PUNDALEEKAPPA HATTAKATAGI R/a NA-109, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013. have changed my Minor Daughter name from **SOUMYA (OLD NAME)** to **SOWMYA P HATTIKATAGI (NEW NAME)** Vide Affidavit Dated-31-08-2020 Sworn Before Notary K C Pemmaiah Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEEKSHA, is legal Daughter of RAKESH KUMAR SINGH residing at B-406, BML Palms Apartment, 9th Main Road, MS Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560097 have changed my name from **DEEKSHA** to **DEEKSHA SINGH** vide Affidavit dated 19/08/2020 sworn before Notary N. Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **HAMEED KHAN** S/o Shami Ulla Khan, aged about 39 years, residing at House number 5, 4th Cross, M.M. Garden, Babusapalya, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **HAMEED.D.S.** to **HAMEED KHAN,** vide affidavit dated 31.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR. M,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAJESHWARI (OLD NAME) R/a NA-109, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013. have changed my name to **RAJESHWARI HATTIKATAGI (NEW NAME)** Vide Affidavit Dated-31-08-2020 Sworn Before Notary K C Pemmaiah Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) NARAYANA PRAKASH, Residing at No. 38, 3rd Cross, Kempegowda Layout, N Nagenahalli, Dr. S R K Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PRAKASH N SHETTY** vide affidavit Dated 31/08/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAIDILY, Spouse of Service No. 824544G Palani.G Resident of # 697/A, Sivan Kovil Street, Palavedu Kamarajar Nagar, Tiruvallur, Avadi IAF, Tamil Nadu - 600 055 have changed my name from **MAIDILY** to **P. MYTHELI** vide affidavit Dated 31-12-2019 Before Notary Public A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARJUN** S/o **Hirachand** R/at No.433, 7th B Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011, have changed my name to **ARJUN BHANDARI** vide affidavit dated: 01/09/2020 Before Notary **Shankaranarayana** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KAVERI (OLD NAME) R/a NA-109, BEL Colony, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013. have changed my name to **KAVERI P HATTIKATAGI (NEW NAME)** Vide Affidavit Dated-31-08-2020 Sworn Before Notary K C Pemmaiah Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JHUNU MAHAPATRA, W/o. L D MAHAPATRA, army service number : JC819780M, RANK SUB: R/at Vill: Mujagada, PO: Mujagada, Teh: Bhanja Nagar, Dist : Genjam, State: Odisha . I have changed my name **JHUNU** to **JHUNU MAHAPATRA** VIDE affidavit dated 31.08.2020 Before Notary : M.RAJENDRA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UMAMAHESWARI, Spouse of Service No. JC772494X Koredla Srinivasa Rao Resident of # 125, Muddana Vari Veedhi, Patha Bobbili, Bobbili, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh-535573 have changed my name from **UMAMAHESWARI** to **KOREDLA UMAMAHESWARI** Vide Affidavit Dated 29-08-2020 Before Notary Public A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

QuoteExpress BE KIND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE › DALAI LAMA

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHALINI IYER, D/o MANI CHANDRASHEKHAR, residing at, No. 52, Mathrushree Nilaya, 3rd Cross 9th Main, Mohan Kumara Nagara, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560022, India, changed my name from CHANDRASHEKHAR SHALINI to SHALINI IYER vide affidavit dated 28.8.2020 sworn before Notary M. S. SATISH at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as SHALINI IYER for all purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **S. SURESH S/o. R. Sanathanam Iyengar**, permanently residing at No.33, Kamaraja Road, Ashoknagara, Shivanam Iiyam, Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu State, 631501, is the sole and absolute owner to the under mentioned site properties, which are more fully described in the Schedule A, B, C & D as shown below and he has purchased the same from its four previous vendors, on **11.07.2014**, **A,** Schedule site property purchased from Sri. Raghava Shetty, **on 18.06.2014**, **B,** Schedule site property purchased from Smt. Radhika Rai W/o. Rekhanth Ravi, **C & D,** Schedule site property purchased from Sri. Subba. S. Ganagi S/o, Sheena Ganiga.

On 31.08.2020, with all Original documents of four sites properties, my client from the Classic Hotel, near Sarakki, Bengaluru, went by Auto to meet and negotiate to sell his four sites property to his proposed purchaser **namely Ramesh S/o. Shivappa and his real estate Associate Sri. Chandrashekar. B.P at Chunhchanaghatta Main Road, Bengaluru,** and when he got down from the Auto and when he realised that he had lost his four sites Original Document along with other documents and in that regard, on 31.08.2020, my client immediately has lodged the Police Complaint regarding lost of his property Original documents before the Jurisdictional Konana Kunte Police Station. Hence, my client requests in public if any person/s got found the same, may be pleased to hand over all the Original documents to the custody of the jurisdictional Konanakunte Police Station.

A- SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable site property bearing new Khatha No.790/87/93/361, after nice road, Anjanapura, Ward No.196, BBMP, (formerly house list No.87, Khatha No.361, in Assessment No.93, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Benngaluru South Taluk), Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq feet, bounded on,

East by : Property No.73 , West by : Road, North by : Property No.86, South by : Property No. 88,

B- SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable site property bearing new Khatha No.791/361/90, Anjanapura Cross Road, after nice road, Anjanapura, Ward No.196, BBMP, (formerly house list No.90, Khatha No.361, then No.361/93/90, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Benngaluru South Taluk), Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq feet bounded on,

East by : Property No.70 , West by : Road, North by : Property No.89, South by : Property No. 91

C- SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable site property bearing new Khatha No.788/360/114, Anjanapura Cross Road, after nice road, Anjanapura, Ward No.196, BBMP, (formerly house list No.114, Khatha No.360, then No.93/360, in Assessment No.93, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Benngaluru South Taluk), Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq feet bounded on,

East by : Property No.98, West by : Road, North by : Property No.113, South by : Property No. 115.

D- SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable site property bearing new Khatha No.789/115/360, Anjanapura Cross Road, after nice road, Anjanapura, Ward No.196, BBMP, (formerly house list No.115, Khatha No.360, then No.360/93/155, in Assessment No.93, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Benngaluru South Taluk), Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq feet bounded on,

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Sd/- SIDDARAJU N., Advocate
No.233, " Anjanadri", 6th Block, 12th 'A' Main Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010.
Mobile No. 9148819959

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Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule Properties or to any portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under any deed, instrument, easement, may submit his//her/it's/their objection/s, claim/s in writing to me at the under-mentioned address through registered post along with the supporting documentary evidence, within 7 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the Schedule Properties.

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Demand Notice under Sub Section 2 of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act".)

We, HDFC BANK LTD hereinafter called as "Bank" do here by issue notice as under. Please take notice that you the following had availed a loan details of which have been mentioned hereunder. Towards the said loan you have created security interest in favour of the Bank on the property described hereunder by way of mortgage by depositing title deed. After availing the said loan, contrary to the contractual obligations you have defaulted repayment of the loan amount together with interest and other charges. Hence, your loan account has been categorized as Non Performing Asset.

Therefore, the Bank hereby recall the entire loan and call upon you to pay total amount outstanding in your loan account together with interest and all other charges thereon (details of which have been mentioned hereunder), within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this Notice. Further, You are hereby put on notice that in terms of Sec.13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured asset detailed hereunder.

If you fail to repay the Bank the outstanding amount, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sec 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other or further legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any applicable provisions of law.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/ Co Borrowers	Description of property (Secured Assets)	A/c No & Amount	Date of NPA	Total Amount /Outstanding Amount
1.	1.**Suresh K Nothani,** S/o Kanniahilal, No 25, OMBR Layout 2nd A Main, Chikka Banaswadi, St George College, Bangalore,Karnataka-560025 2.**Vandana S Nothani,** W/o Suresh K Nothani No 25, OMBR Layout 2nd A Main, Chikka Banaswadi, St George College, Bangalore, Karnataka-560025.	All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property formerly bearing House List No. 325, situated in Chikka Banaswadi Village, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, South Taluk, and now bearing Corporation No. 25, situated in Chikka Banasawadi New Layout, Ward No. 84, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 2400 Sq feet and bounded by : East By : Sri P Gopal Reddy's Property,West By: 30 Feet Road,North By : Private Property,South By: Private Property.	A/c no: 80033921 Rs. 22,00,000/-	06-08-2019	Rs. 7,72,642.18 as on 06.03.2020

Place : Bangalore
Date : 02.09.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDFC BANK Ltd.,

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB) BENGALURU

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Pranava A.
E-mail Id: - sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: - +91 9449205256
Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663

Address of the Branch:
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact: CCO: Mr. Prem Kumar
Mb-9108917324, Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
e-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

APPENDIX – IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-AUCTION ON 21.09.2020

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.09.2020** for recovery of **Rs.3,10,18,500/- (Rupees Three Crore Ten Lakh Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Only)** as on **26.08.2020** and further interest at contractual rate from **27.08.2020** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrower: **M/s Infrasoft Consultants India Pvt. Ltd.** No.40/11, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 003. **AND** Guarantors/Mortgagor, **(1) Sri. H. Nazeer Ullah Shariff**, S/o Late Sri Habeebulla Shariff, Director of M/s Infrasoft Consultants India Pvt. Ltd., No.103, 6th Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Kodihalli, Bengaluru – 560 008. **Also at:** Flat No. 402 and 403, 4th Floor, "Sri Paradise", 6th Cross, Kodihalli, Bengaluru – 560 008. **(2) Sri Srinivas G. Jagirdar,** S/o. Late Sri G. Jagirdar, Managing Director of M/s Infrasoft Consultants India Pvt. Ltd., No. 40/11, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, 6th Main, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003. **(3) Smt. Kousalya Srinivas,** W/o. Sri Srinivas Jagirdar, Director of M/s Infrasoft Consultants India Pvt. Ltd., No. 40/11, 2nd Floor,13th Cross, 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount, time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

SI No	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1.	Rs.45.00 Lakh	Rs.4.50 Lakh	Rs.50,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	On or before 19.09.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.
2.	Rs.41.00 Lakh	Rs.4.10 Lakh	Rs.50,000/-	12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.	On or before 19.09.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBI/SARB/EA/PK/580:

Property No. (1): [Owned & Mortgaged by Sri. H. Nazeer Ullah Shariff]:

All that piece and parcel of residential Two Bed Room Flat bearing No. 402 with the super build up area of 1055 Sq. ft. situated at Fourth Floor on the building known as 'SRI PARADISE' together with 235 Sq.ft. of undivided share of land with an open Car Parking space Constructed on property bearing Old HASB Katha No.1557/756/1, New BMP Katha No. 46, situated at 6th Cross, Kodihalli, Bengaluru -560 008 measuring East to West 70 ft. and North to South 70 ft in all measuring 4900 Sq. ft. The Flat standing in the name of Sri. H. Nazeer Ullah Shariff vide partition deed dated 30.10.2006 registered as document No.BNG(U)-BLR(S) 19929/2006-07 at office of the Sr. Sub Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk. The entire property (Site) is bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of Shri Pullappa, North by: Property of Shri Shamanna, South by: Property of Shri Venkatarama Reddy.

The above flat has been subsequently mortgaged to the Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., and NOC for auction has been obtained from Apex Bank.

Reserve Price: Rs.45.00 Lakh **EMD: Rs.4.50 Lakh**

Tender No. SBI/SARB/EA/PK/581:

Property No. (1): [Owned & Mortgaged by Sri. H. Nazeer Ullah Shariff]:

All that piece and parcel of a residential Two Bed Room Flat bearing No. 403 with the super build up area of 990 Sq. ft situated at Fourth Floor on the building known as 'SRI PARADISE' together with 227 Sq.ft. of undivided share of land with an open Car Parking space Constructed on property bearing Old HASB Katha No.1557/756/1, New BMP Katha No. 46, situated at 6th Cross, Kodihalli, Bengaluru -560 008 measuring East to West 70 ft. and North to South 70 ft in all measuring 4900 Sq. ft. Flat standing in the name of Sri. H. Nazeer Ullah Shariff vide partition deed dated 30.10.2006 registered as document No.BNG(U)-BLR(S) 19929/2006-07 at office of the Sr. Sub Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk. The entire property (Site) is bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of Shri Pullappa, North by: Property of Shri Shamanna, South by: Property of Shri Venkatarama Reddy.

Reserve Price: Rs.41.00 Lakh **EMD: Rs.4.10 Lakh**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., **(1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.tenders.gov.in and (3) https://bankeauctions.com/Sbi.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 01.09.2020

Sd/- (Pranava A.) Authorised Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify for the general information of the public that my Clients **1) I.V. Girish** S/o Venkatachalaiah, **2) L. Manohara** S/o. I.V. Lakshmi khanthaiah, **3) H.T.Govinda Gowda** S/o. H.Timmaiah & **4) H.G. Srinivasaa** S/o. H.T.Govinda Gowda all are resident of Bangalore, are intent to entered into Sale Agreement with its lawful owner **T. Srinivas Gowda** S/o. Late Thimmaiah, R/o Thattikere Village, Honakere Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, represented by his GPA Holder & Agreement holder Mr.Y.Bhaskar in respect of the schedule property.

Any person or Group of Persons or institutions having an interest or any Right Title, Charge, Lien and Minor claims whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge his/her and their/its claim to the undersigned with documentary proof within a period of **07 days** from the date of this publication failing which it will be presumed that here are no objections / Claims, disputes in respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site Nos. 154 to 159, each site measuring about 4000 Sft. Property E-Khatha No.1580200301900221307, Khatha No.89/50/1, carved out of layout formed in the land bearing Survey No.51 / 1 measuring 3 Acre 19 Guntas, (14062.70 Sq. Meters) duly converted vide O.M. No. ALN(S)SR(K)/52/ 2014-15, dated 13-05-2019, of Kenchenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:-

And bounded on :-
East : 40ft., wide Road,
West : 40ft., wide Road,
North : BDA Approved Layout in Survey No.49,,
South : 50ft., wide Road,

SHESHAPPAGOUDA PATIL
Advocate,
R.R.Nagar, Bangalore -98. M:9480117041

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients **1. Mrs.RICHA AWASTHI,** W/o. Mr.Surya Pratap Awasthi, Aged About 32 Years, **2. Mr.SURYA PRATAP AWASTHI,** S/o. Mr.Sushil Pratap Awasthi, Aged About 36 Years, Both are Residing at : Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Sri Pratam Apartment, Bhattarahalli, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore - 560049, Enter a Sale Agreement to Purchase the schedule Property from its owner **Mrs.KAMAKSHI,** Aged about 34 Years, W/o. Mr.Saravanan, Residing at: No.25/1, Site No.6, Subash Street, Near MEG Layout, Behind Barani Medical, A.Narayanapura, Udaya Nagar, Bangalore - 560016 in respect to the Schedule Property which is more fully described in the schedule given below. If any persons claiming or objections with regard to the Schedule Property they are required to send the same with documentary evidence within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this Notice hereof my clients shall be at liberty to proceed with the said sale deed if there is no any claims in the regard within the stipulated time.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site No.109, Khatha No.2696/211/109, E-Khatha Sl.No. 150200400500402959,Old Katha No.114/211, Property No.211, Situated at Kithaganur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South [44+46]/2 feet, in total Measuring 1800 Square Feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:-

East by : Site No.108, **West by** : Road,
North by : Road, **South by:** Site No.110

Along with 850 Square Feet of Ground Floor of ACC roofed Building, constructed with Bricks and cement, Red Oxide flooring, Jungle Woods doors and windows, electricity and water connection with all civic amenities along

T. RAMESH KUMAR
MANJULA RAMESH, Advocates
No.1, Basement Floor, Alisa Arcade, Near Vijaya Bank, Old Madras Road, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036, Ph : 9845601026
Place : Bangalore Date : 29-08-2020

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, GUWAHATI
Government of India, Ministry of Finance
Suwarna Bhawan, House No. 12, New Town Path, Near Hanuman Mandir, G. S. Road, Ulubari, Guwahati - 781 007.

NOTICE OF DEMAND TO THE CERTIFICATE DEBTOR(S)

(See Sections 25 to Section 29 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and under Rule 2 of Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961)

D.R.P.C. No. 63 / 2019 Dated 15.07.2019

Canara Bank, Aizawl Branch
- Vs -
Smti Nalina T. & Ors.

To,

1. Smti Nalina T.

2. Mr. E. Thippeshappa, Son of Eshwarappa, House No. 328, P.O. - Neralajere, Taluk - Tarikere, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

3. Smti Lalithamma, Wife of B. N. Chandregowda, Bannur Village, Bannur Main Road, Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

4. Sri B. C. Kalmarudappa, Son of Late B. M. Chandregowda, Bannur Village, Bannur Main Road, Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

5. Sri B. C. Dhananjayamurthy, Son of Late B. M. Chandregowda, Bannur Village. Bannur Main Road, Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

6. Smti Chadana, Daughter of Sri B. C. Kalmarudappa, Bannur Village, Bannur Main Road. Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

7. Sri Shivu (Minor), Represented by his Father Sri B. C. Kalmarudappa, Bannur Village, Bannur Main Road, Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

8. Sri Akasha, Son of Sri B. C. Dhananjayamurthy, Bannur Village, Bannur Main Road, Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

9. Sri Adarsha, Son of Sri B. C. Dhananjayamurthy, Bannur Village, Bannur Main Road, Sakrepatna Post, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

10. Sri T. Vinay, Son of Sri E. Thippeshappa, House No. 328, P.O. - Neralajere, Taluk - Tarikere, District - Chikkamagalore, Karnataka, Pin - 577 228.

This is to certify that a sum of Rs. **1,70,16,043.00** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Forty Three only) as per details given below has become due from you consequent to a Recovery Certificate issued by the Ld. Presiding Officer by an order dated 15.07.2019 in Case No. **O.A. No. 18/2019.**

1.	Amount due as per the Recovery Certificate	: Rs.	1,70,16,043.00
2.	Interest from 28.01.2019 to 15.07.2019 @ 12.50% % P.A.	Rs	00.00
3.	Costs	Rs.	1,50,000.00
	TOTAL	**Rs.**	**1,71,66,043.00**

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above some within 15 days from the publication of this notice failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Sections 25 to Section 29 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and under Rule 2 of Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

3. In additions to the sums aforesaid, you will be also liable for,
(a) such interest as is payable in accordance with the Recovery Certificate (DRPC No. 63/2019 dated 15.07.2019 for the period commencing immediately after issue of recovery certificate to the date of realization, and
(b) all costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the services of notices and of warrants and other processes and proceedings taken for realization of the dues.
Given under my hand and seal on 13th day of August, 2020.

Sd/- S. Kumar
Recovery Officer,
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Guwahati.

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

BRANCH : Koramangala J Block, No. 703, Behind BDA Shopping Complex, Koramangala 3rd Block, BANGALORE -34. Phone 080 25531921, E-mail : cb10456@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **01.08.2019** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Riyaz Minya,** No.2, 13 Muchkhed Post, Mattimadu, Chitrapur, Gulbarga-585312, **2) Mr. Gafoor Patel,** T/5/92/246/3237 Hagara Road, Near Saba Function Hall Gulshan E Arafat Colony Gulbarga, 585104. **3) Mr. S M Mehaboob,** 86/E 36th Main Road 5th Cross Dollar Scheme BTM 1st Stage Bangalore - 560098 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs. 78,37,680.85/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Eighty Five Paisa Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **31st Day of August of the year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 78,37,680.85/-** + interest other charges thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE - A: All that Piece and Parcel of the Vacant Land Bearing BBMP Municipal No 23, (Old No .323) PID No.68-127-23, 10th Cross, Anjeneya Swamy Extension, Presently Coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP (Old site No4,5&6, Old House List No 409/6-A) Measuring East to West (100+50)/2 Feet and North to South 80 Feet, Totally measuring 6000 SqFt Situated at Ejipura Grama Thana Comprised in Jakkasandra group Panchayath, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taulk, Bangalore and bounded by East by : Property No.3, West by : Kodi Kaluve Storm Drain, North by : Road, South by: L Krishnappa (School)

SCHEDULE - B: 212 Sq ft of Undivided Right, Title and Interest in All That Piece and Parcel of Property more fully mentioned and Described in the Schedule-A here in Above.

SCHEDULE - C: All that Piece and Parcel of the3BHK Apartment No.G-06 on Ground Floor measuring super Built Area of 1400 Sq.Ft in Apartment Building Called "Green Fontana" being constructed on the Schedule A Property One Covered Car Parking Area.

Date : 31.08.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **31st Day of August of the year 2020.**

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Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE - A: All that Piece and Parcel of the Vacant Land Bearing BBMP Municipal No 23, (Old No .323) PID No.68-127-23, 10th Cross, Anjeneya Swamy Extension, Presently Coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP (Old site No4,5&6, Old House List No 409/6-A) Measuring East to West (100+50)/2 Feet and North to South 80 Feet, Totally measuring 6000 SqFt Situated at Ejipura Grama Thana Comprised in Jakkasandra group Panchayath, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taulk, Bangalore and bounded by East by : Property No.3, West by : Kodi Kaluve Storm Drain, North by : Road, South by: L Krishnappa (School)

SCHEDULE - B: 230 Sq ft of Undivided Right, Title and Interest in All That Piece and Parcel of Property more fully mentioned and Described in the Schedule-A here in Above.

SCHEDULE - C: All that Piece and Parcel of the 2BHK Apartment No.105 on First Floor measuring super Built Area of 910 Sq.Ft in Apartment Building Called "Green Fontana" being constructed on the Schedule A Property One Covered Car Parking Area.

Date : 31.08.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **31st Day of August of the year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 90,48,778.13/-** + interest other charges thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE - A: All that Piece and Parcel of the Vacant Land Bearing BBMP Municipal No 23, (Old No.323) PID No.68-127-23, 10th Cross, Anjeneya Swamy Extension, Presently Coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP (Old site No4,5&6, Old House List No 409/6-A) Measuring East to West (100+50)/2 Feet and North to South 80 Feet, Totally measuring 6000 SqFt Situated at Ejipura Grama Thana Comprised in Jakkasandra group Panchayath, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taulk, Bangalore and bounded by East by : Property No.3, West by : Kodi Kaluve Storm Drain, North by : Road, South by: L Krishnappa (School)

SCHEDULE - B: 353 Sq ft of Undivided Right, Title and Interest in All That Piece and Parcel of Property more fully mentioned and Described in the Schedule-A here in Above.

SCHEDULE - C: All that Piece and Parcel of the 3 BHK Apartment No.G-03 on Ground Floor measuring super Built Area of 1400 Sq.Ft in Apartment Building Called "Green Fontana" being constructed on the Schedule A Property One Covered Car Parking Area.

Date : 31.08.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

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(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

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SALE NOTICE of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

A Good Opportunity to Own a Prime Property in Goa

Land and Building constructed on Plot admeasuring 29,575 Sq.Mtrs and buildup area of the structure measuring 8897.63 Sq.Mtrs. of the property known as ' MOLLA' situated at Chondrowado, Fatorda within the local limits of Margao Municipal Council, Taluka and sub district of Salcete , District of South Goa, State of Goa, East : By the boundary of Raia, West : By the landed property of the fabrica da Igrejade Margao North : By the landed property of Communidade of Raia, South : By Road which goes to Ambagim.

Reserve Price : Rs.55,00,00,000.00 (Rupee Fifty Five Crore Only) EMD: Rs.5,50,00,000.00 (Rupees Five Crore Fifty Lakh only) E Auction date and time : 15/09/2020 at 12:30 PM to 01:00 PM

The Hotel property in the building scheme known as "PROFIT CENTRE" comprises of the ground floor along with mezzanine floor, third floor to fifth Floor and Roof terrace area total admeasuring super built up area of 1954.58 sq.mtrs , situated opp Margao Bus stand, Margao , Taluka Salcete, South Goa, Goa.

Reserve Price: Rs.19,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Ninteen Crore Only) EMD: Rs.1,90,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh only) E Auction date & time : 30/09/2020 at 04:30 PM to 05:00 PM

Flat No 17/F-1,(Super built up area 185 Sq.Mtr) Kamat Kinara III is built in a plot of land known as "Nomoxim" situated at Miramar, Panaji, Tiswadi Taluka and Sub district of Ilhas, district of North Goa Encumbrances: Outstanding maintenance due to the Kamat Kinara Co operative Housing Society Ltd., amounting to Rs.2,50,350/- as on August 2019 along with interest at 18% on yearly outstanding balance shall be borne by the successful bidder. Any other charges attached to the flats shall be borne by the successful bidders.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,13,40,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh Forty Thousand Only) EMD : Rs.11,34,000.00 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only) E Auction date and time : 15/09/2020 from 04:30PM to 05:00PM

EMD amount to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank ARM Branch, A/c No 5103295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0005103 on or before 14/09/2020 at 05:00 PM and 29/09/2020 at 05:00PM respectively
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 0832 – 2420647 / 2420056, M: +91 77220 39869 OR the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. Contact person: Mr Parakhe D D / Mr Pratap Kanjilal, Contact No: 9480691777 / 9832952602 / 8898418010, Email id: eauction@ccsl.co.induring office hours on any working day.

Place: Panaji **Sd/- Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK**

One-fifth of Chennai's population has been exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, according to preliminary findings of population-based sero survey in Greater Chennai Corporation

FROM THE HC

Court tells state to clarify order on wildlife panel

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THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to clearly specify which official would be made member secretary of the Conservation Reserve Management Committee constituted under the Wildlife Protection Act.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi issued the order while hearing a PIL filed by the Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake Bird Conservation Reserve Trust.

In an order dated August 24, the state government had said either the Assistant Conservator of Forests or the Deputy Conservator of Forests would be the member secretary of the committee. During the hearing on Tuesday, when the counsel for the government placed before the court a memo with the copy of the order, the counsel for the petitioner pointed out that one officer had to be specifically appointed as the member secretary.

The bench then directed the State government to modify the order and specify which officer would be made member secretary. The bench also said the committee must hold a meeting and take action to conserve the reserve and the member secretary must file a personal affidavit outlining the steps taken until September 30.

Govt money is public money: Bench

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the Karnataka State Bar Council to place on record a copy of the order regarding a grant of Rs 5 crore for the Covid-19 Advocate Relief Fund. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi directed the KSBC to place on record the order dated August 26, asking it to use some funds to assist advocates' clerks. "As we observed earlier, the scheme has to be fair and transparent, considering the fact that the money transferred by the government is public money," the bench said. **ENS**

Kerala Finance Minister T M Thomas Isaac pays his last respects to slain DYFI leaders Mithilaj and Haq Muhammed in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday | EXPRESS

Seven arrested for twin murders

CPM points fingers at Congress leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

SEVEN persons, including a woman, were arrested a day after the murder of two DYFI workers at Venjaramoodu near here on Monday in a suspected fallout of political rivalry between the CPM and Congress. And on Tuesday, senior CPM leader and Industries Minister E P Jayarajan gave the case a new political spin by alleging that the accused have close links with Congress leader Adoor Prakash. The Attingal MP, however, refuted the allegations. CPM secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan too had accused the Congress of high-level conspiracy.

DYFI workers Mithilaj, 30, and Haq Muhammed, 24, were fatally hacked while they were going to the former's house on his two-wheeler.

Madapuram native Prija is the woman nabbed, for allegedly providing hideout for the accused.

Jayarajan alleged the accused had contacted Adoor Prakash over phone after the incident and added that his role in the conspiracy should be probed. Soon after he made the statement, DYFI came out with a voice clip in which one of the accused was heard saying that it was the Congress leader who had helped them in a previous case of hacking another DYFI activist.

Adoor Prakash said the CPM is trying to derail the probe and challenged the state government to prove the allegations against him.

The Congress leadership had vehemently denied its party workers' involvement in the twin murder. The Opposition claimed they would not fall for the false propaganda by the CPM and the state government.

Rural SP B Ashokan said political hatred was the motive behind the murders. Seven persons have been arrested while one is in custody. Most of the arrested belong to Congress and INTUC, he said. DYFI activist Shaheen was attacked on April 4 by three of the accused -- Sajeev, Ajith and Shajith. Shaheen and another DYFI activist Faizal were again attacked on May 25. The accused were arrested and that prompted the youth to exact revenge, according to the police.

The remand report says the enmity between the youths belonging to LDF and UDF began during the culmination of the political campaigning of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

> **The attempt to nail Congress in the issue will not bear fruit. Police is hand in glove with CPM-DYFI workers who are attacking Congress offices**
>
> T Sidique, KPCC leader

Ridleys wash up on Karwar beach, fox experts

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @Karwar

THE unusual sighting of Olive Ridley turtles on the west coast of late has puzzled marine experts, who say that it is not the season for these turtles to be found on shore. Only on Sunday, local fishermen and the Uttara Kannada Forest Department rescued an Olive Ridley in Bhatkal. On the same day, another turtle was rescued by fishermen in Karwar.

The Olive Ridleys, considered rare, are more commonly seen on the east coast during daytime than on the west coast.

The spotting of the Olive Ridleys has stirred a debate among marine biologists. "They migrate to the sea shores only after the monsoon ends — they come in December and breed up to May. But the finding of Olive Ridleys during the peak of the monsoon is a big puzzle," remarked Prakash Mesta, a marine biologist here.

An Olive Ridley turtle that was rescued by fishermen and forest officials in Bhatkal

The one found on Tagore beach in Karwar had its forelimbs injured. It was rescued by fishermen and then released into the waters. Another turtle was rescued jointly by fishermen and the forest staff of Bhatkal. With its shell cracked, the turtle was in the care of the Forest Department. "Maybe it was struck by the rotor of a boat. It was doing fine, but it died after a couple of days," Savitha Devadiga, Range Forest Officer, Bhatkal, told *Express*. "It even had food when we tried to feed it," she pointed out.

Shivakumar Haragi, Assistant Professor, Department of Marine Biology, Karnataka University, Dharwad, is of the opinion that they might have got caught in fishing nets. "They get entangled in the nets are dragged for hours during fishing. The turtle is under severe pressure. It will be unable to swim and breathe. Once released, such turtles end up on the shores as they lose orientation (movement path). This might turn fatal to these species," he noted.

Fishermen on the east coast use fishing nets which have a Turtle Excluding Device (TED). When turtles get caught in the net, they can escape through the TED. But there are no such regulations on the west coast. Fishermen consider the sighting of Olive Ridleys as a good omen as they believe that there will be good catch of fish.

Only non-BJP states opposing borrowing options, says Bommai

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INSISTING that it cannot pay compensation to states due to dip in revenue collection, estimated at Rs 2.35 lakh crore for the 2020-2021 fiscal, the GST Council has asked states to raise loans. The states can either borrow Rs 97,000 crore, the losses estimated to be arising from the implementation of GST regime, at reasonable interest rates where the principal and interest payments can be paid from the cess collection post 2022.

The second option is to borrow the entire sum of estimated shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore — arising out of an "Act of God", as spelt out by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman — with a catch that the states will have to bear the cost of interest.

After insisting that the Centre itself should borrow and pay compensation to the states, Bommai, like other state representatives in the recent GST Council meeting, had sought the Centre's two options in written format.

On Tuesday, the terms and conditions laid out by the Council for borrowing was discussed. "All states opposing the options are non-BJP states, but we are in the process of considering both options. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will take a call on it," Bommai told The New Indian Express on Monday. Bommai had argued that Karnataka's revenue collections were better than other states despite the pandemic.

As per the numbers released by Union Finance Ministry on Tuesday, of the gross GST revenue collections of Rs 86,448 crore till August, Rs 5,502 crore came from Karnataka.

In the corresponding period last year, the state had collected Rs 6,201 crore. Karnataka's GST revenue has fallen 11 per cent compared to last year.

> **All states opposing the options are non-BJP states, but we are in the process of considering both options**
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka Home Minister

Khader slams Centre

Mangaluru: Congress leader UT Khader on Tuesday slammed the Centre for refusing to give the states their share from GST collection and instead asking them to borrow loans from RBI. Addressing a press meet, he said the development is clear indication that the Centre has completely failed in administration and hence is trying to shy away from its responsibilities. "GST share is not alms, it is states' right and we are seeking it," he said. Referring to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman terming the Covid crisis as an 'Act of God', he asked if the Centre gave same excuse for the fall in GDP, inflation, deteriorating economy and loss of jobs. "It is not an Act of God but an Act of fraud," he alleged. He said Congress party since the beginning had maintained that GST is a best policy that was badly implemented. He alleged that the government did not bother putting things in order. **ENS**

ATMANIRBHAR

BEML to build trucks for Pinaka rocket launchers

ENS @Bengaluru

BENGALURU-headquartered defence PSU Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has received an order from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for supply of 330 High Mobility Vehicles for Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers at an approximate cost of Rs 842 crore.

The vehicles will be manufactured at BEML's Palakkad plant in Kerala, and they will be supplied to the MoD within three years. Pinaka is an indigenous rocket launcher for the Indian Army, jointly developed by public and private defence industries, which has the capability for off-road mobility and to provide the Army vital manoeuvrability on the battlefield.

This order comes as a big boost to BEML, involved in the manufacture of High Mobility Vehicles.

Deepak Kumar Hota, CMD, BEML, said, "We are proud to support the MoD under the 'Make in India' project. BEML signifies the true spirit and is an enabler for Atmanirbhar Bharat."

EXPRESS READS

CBI to take over IRCTC ticketing racket probe

Bengaluru: The all-India ticketing racket at Indian Railway Catering and Transport Corporation will now be taken over by the CBI, said an official release. The railway minister had given consent for it since it has international security ramifications. Hackers used illegal software which compromised the entire e-ticketing system of IRCTC, as well as banks. The scam was going on since September 2019. The kingpin, who was on the run, was nabbed in Odisha and brought to Bengaluru. He had Pakistani-based software for hacking applications in ISRO, Railways and other government organisations. "A total of 25,000 hackers along with touts were involved in it across India," a release said. Ajay Kumar, Assistant Security Commissioner, Railway Protection Force, SWR, was awarded a commendation certificate for his efforts. **ENS**

Ro-Ro service kicks off with 26 trucks

Bengaluru: After a botched start on Sunday, the first Roll-on Roll-Off service of South Western Railway had to repeat its maiden run from Nelamangala in Bengaluru Rural to Bale in Solapur district in Maharashtra. Bearing 26 trucks, with 28 drivers and cleaners, the service took off at 1.32 pm Tuesday. It is expected to reach Bale around 8am on Wednesday. "Elaborate precautions were taken to ensure everything was safe," said Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma. The truck in each wagon is permitted 30 tonnes. **ENS**

SWR proposes running 5 Express spl trains

Bengaluru: The South Western Railway Zone has requested the Railway Board to permit it to run five special Express trains, four of them in the Bengaluru Divison and one in the Mysuru Division. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the proposal needs to be approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs, a top official said. The proposal asks for trains to be run to and from these points as part of Phase-I: Yesvantpur and Bikaner, Mysuru and Solapur, Yesvantpur and Bhagalpur (Bihar), KSR station and New Delhi as well as Mysuru. **ENS**

Father-son duo fall into 70-ft-deep well, die

Tirupur: A 75-year-old man and his 47-year-old son died on Tuesday after they fell into a well while trying to repair a motor. According to Fire and Rescue Services Department sources, the father Palanisamy and his son Rajendran are residents of Surveyor Thottam in Sivanmalai near Kangeyam. **ENS**

Yediyurappa woos US firms to invest in Karnataka

Bengaluru: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday invited companies from the USA to invest in different sectors in Karnataka. During his meeting with US industry captains over video conference, the CM highlighted opportunities in IT, ITeS, machine tooling, manufacturing, aerospace, biotechnology and engineering design sectors in the state. "Keeping in mind the immense potential for combining US capital, innovation and technologies with the rich human resources and economic opportunities available in Karnataka's high-growth economy, I invite US companies to invest across sectors in Karnataka," the CM said. He said that India-US relationship continues to grow from strength to strength with strong strategic, defence and people-to-people ties. "Karnataka exhibits significant potential in many sectors and offers a policy-driven ecosystem for industries and is characterised by aresponsive and industry-friendly administration with policy continuity," the CM said. **ENS**

Second tiger poacher arrested

Bengaluru: Forest officials of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve arrested the second accused in the shooting of a male tiger aged around 5 years in the reserve, on August 26. The second accused, Hottengada Ranju alias Biddappa, was nabbed from Ramanagara KSRTC bus stand on Tuesday. He confessed that he had come to the city after the crime. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Sri. ARUN SINGHAL** is interested to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its present owner **Sri. BASAVARAJU M.S** son of Late. Shambaiah residing at No.1408, "Nijakanasu", 3rd Cross,1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560 040 who represents to our client that the below mentioned Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances of whatsoever nature from whomsoever.

Any person/s having any objection or claiming any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property may file his/her/ their objections with the undersigned within **TEN DAYS** from this date. If no claim/objections is/are received within the said date, our client shall proceed and purchase the Schedule Property assuming that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances and claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No. 287, situated at 8th Main, Road, Sarakki, J P Nagara 4th Phase, Dollar Scheme Extention in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Sy No.19 of Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under BBMP Ward No.57, PID No.57-326-287 **measuring East to West 24.38 Meters or 80 Feet and North to South 15.24 Meters or 50 Feet totally measuring 371.55 Square Meters or 4000 Square feet** and bounded on the :

East by: Road
West by : Site No.268
North by : Site No.286
South by : Site No.288

A. NAGARAJA NAIDU,
Advocate,No.189, 7th Main, Srinivasanagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore – 560 050.
Tel: 26797628 / 26797879.
Mobile: 93412 37579.

Place : Bangalore
Date: 01.09.2020.

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS AT NELAMANGALA
C. Mis. No. 208 of 2020

BETWEEN : SRI. ANIL KUMAR S/o Channabyraiah. Age 34 years, R/at Yantaganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. ...Petitioners

AND: TAHSILDAR, Nelamangala Taluk ...Respondent

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed the above petition **Under Section 13(3) of the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969** for seeking direction to the respondent authorities to issue death certificate of his grandfather by name **Chikkanna S/o Late G. Gangaiah**, who was died on 17.02.1965 in Petitioner's house and Hon'ble Court has posted the above petition to **28.09.2020**, for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said Petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the above said petition will be heard disposed on enquiry.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 31.08.2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Chief Ministerial Office, Division & JMFC, Nelamangala

G. KESHAVA MURTHY, Advocate, #7, 1st Floor, Basavashri Complex, Near Navayuga Toll Plaza, NH-4, Subhashnagara, Nelamangala, B'luru 562123.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT my clients **1. Sri. Vishwadutt M Sathavalli, 2. Smt. Jyothi Mohan,** and **3. Sri. Mohan A Sathavalli** are intending to purchase the Schedule property from Sri. K.S.Anantha Krishna, Sri. K.S.Srinath, Smt. Indumathi Srinivasa, Smt. Vasantha Ravi and Sri. Raghuram Kanakapura Srinivasa, all are children of Late K. Srinivas Iyengar and the same being acquired by Late Smt. K.S.Padma W/o Late K.Srinivas Iyengar from BDA through Sale Deed dated 15.02.2001, bearing doc no.5544/2000-01, Book No-1, registered in the office of Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District.

If any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the Schedule Property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Property No.309, situated at **37th B Cross, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560069,** East to West : 32.5 feet, North to South : 40 Feet, totally measuring 1300 Sq.ft, together with RCC roofed building and bounded on:

East by : Site No.310, **West by** : Site No.308,
North by : Road **South by** : Site No.350.

Rashmi.R, Advocate,
No.07, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Kalyananagar, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore-72.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to develop the following properties owned by **Mr.Mahendra Baid** son of Mohanan Lal Baid (Owner of Item No. I) and **Sri.K.M. Munivenkatappa, Smt.K.M.Padma, Mr.K.M.Kumar, Smt.K.M.Savithramma and Mr.K.M.Gajendra** all are children of Late Munigappa (Owners of Item No.II & III) in respect of below mentioned all are **situated at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore.**

Item No. I : Residentially Converted Sy.No.46/7, measuring 11.08 Guntas (O.M. Dated 7/9/2019, bearing No.ALN (KRPH) SR.14/19-20, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :

East by : Sy.No.47/1 & 2 of Kalkere Village;
West by : Sy.No.46/6;
North by : Road & Sy.No. 46/6;
South by : Sy. No. 586 of Kalkere Village and Now 80 feet Road.

Item No. II : Residentially Converted Sy.No.47/1, measuring 9 Guntas (O.M. Dated 24/11/2016, bearing No.ALN (KRPH) SR.19/16-17, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :

East by : Road;
West by : Land Sy.No.46;
North by : R.P. in Sy.No. 47/1,
South by : Sy.No. 47/2,

Item No. III : Residentially Converted Sy.No.47/2, measuring 1 Acre 9 Guntas (O.M. Dated 24/11/2016, bearing No.ALN (KRPH) SR.19/16-17, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the :

East by : Road and Gramatana;
West by : Sy.No.46;
North by : Sy.No. 47/1,
South by : Land in Sy.No. 586.

Persons having any right over the above said properties may lodge their objections claims with documentary evidence within **14 days** from date of publication, to the undersigned.

PRASHANTH VIJAYALAKSHMI & ASSOCIATES, Advocates,
No.162, 1st Floor, Above Venkateshwara Mobiles, Next to Kanthi Sweets, 2nd Main Road, Kasturinagar, Bangalore-560 043. Ph : 080-42065536

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client intending to purchase the Property bearing Site No. 2, BBMP Khatha No. 1/1/2 situated at Varadarajaswamy Layout, Singapura Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits measuring **East to West** 50 feet and **North to South** 30 feet and bounded on **East by** Road, **West by** Site No.15, **North by** : Site No.1, **South by** Site No.3, from its owner namely Sri.S.M.Harish, S/o.H.Marappa. If anybody has got any kind of charge, lien, adverse claim or objections over the aforesaid property, they can contact me with all the documentary proof in support of the claim to the below mentioned address within **TEN DAYS (10 Days)** from this date of this publication of notice or otherwise it will be construed that there are no charges or claims of whatsoever nature in respect of the afore mentioned property.

I.M. DEVAIAH & ASSOCIATES,
Advocates,
No.4, 1st Floor, Opp: Seshadripuram Post Office, Seshadripuram,
Bangalore – 560 020. (M) 9845105603
E-mail: imdevaiah_advocate@yahoo.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT.SUMALATHA** is the owner of the Schedule Property. That, my client **SRI.PRAHALADA** is availing Home Loan from South Indian Bank, Yeswanthpur Branch, Bangalore, for purchase of Schedule property from the said **SMT.SUMALATHA** and creating security on Schedule property in favor of the said Bank. In case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest in respect of Schedule property, they should inform to the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which we would consider the said property free from encumbrances / charges and ownership, the Bank would be proceeding with formalities of mortgage and releasing of loan amount to the said Sri. Prahalada.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Western Portion of Property bearing **Site No.10,** Khatha No.08, formed in Assessment No.8/3A1, situated at Thotadaguddadahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limits of Srikantapura Grama Panchayath.

MEASURING:
East to West : 20 Feet;
North to South : 30 Feet;
Totally measuring : 600 Sq.feet;

AND BOUNDED ON :
East by : Eastern Portion of same Property;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Private Property;
South by : Road;

D.S. BHAT
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Short-term Tender Notification

No: KIMS/e-Tender/48/2020-21 Date: 29.08.2020

Short-term e-Tender invited for **Design, Supply, Commissioning & Installation of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) Storage Vessel System Capacity of 1x13kl for Covid-19 Hospital** at Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences, Karwar. The details of e-tender can be obtained from website. http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

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2. Pre-bid Date : 07.09.2020
3. Last date for uploading the tender forms : 16.09.2020 Before 5:00 pm.
4. Dates of Submission of Samples : 18.09.2020

Sd/- Director, KIMS, Karwar

EDITORIAL

"Under the Chola empire flourished in its greatest strength the sea-faring instincts of the people of Southern India, which enabled them to add for a time an overseas empire to the more abiding prospects of a profitable trade with the states of the Far East

K A Nilakanta Sastri

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— Ramnath Goenka

BIG GDP SLOWDOWN WILL HAVE SERIOUS LONG-TERM IMPACT

It was well known that India's economy would contract, but the National Statistical Office's (NSO) data released on Monday evening was quite a shocker. The contraction of gross domestic product (GDP) for the first April-June quarter of FY2021 was a massive 23.9%, when most analysts had forecast a 19-20% de-growth. This is the biggest dive into negative territory since the country began releasing quarterly data since 1996. The obvious reason for the damage is the lockdowns imposed by the government to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. India's performance was the worst among the G-20 countries, with our nearest rival, the UK, at -21.7%. In contrast, China and Brazil both registered positive growth of 3.2% and 1%, respectively for the quarter.

The Q1 GDP numbers are based on initial data and it is expected that the contraction could be more severe once the MSME sector's data is factored in. The unorganised and small industries have been hit the hardest, and many have been wiped out. The lone bright spot is agriculture, which clocked a positive growth rate of 3.4% on the back of a bumper rabi crop. Even the pumping up of government spending by 16% failed to have any impact on the overall GDP numbers.

The implications are serious. The worst-performing sectors—manufacturing and construction, which slowed down a whopping 39.3% and 50.3% respectively—are also the biggest employers. The consequent loss of jobs we are seeing and the drift towards increased poverty is in evidence all round. The country also runs the risk of officially being in recession (defined as negative growth for two consecutive quarters) as the next July-September quarter is likely to see a contraction too. As it is, the July data for eight core sectors shows a year-on-year decline of 9.6%. The impact of shut and limping businesses will translate into poorer tax revenues, thereby giving less headroom for the government to intervene. It is therefore about time the government drops its brave face of 'green shoots', dismantles the lockdown inertia and gets the economy back on the rails.

SACRED BUBBLE & THE CHALLENGES AT HOME

Bio-bubble seems to be the wonder word in sports. The bubble to keep players secure is not just working but also seems intact. The delayed football season across Europe got over without a fuss. In England, two Test cricket series went off without a hitch. Basketball and baseball in the US are up and running. The US Open, one of the biggest bio-bubble experiments thus far, had a scare when Frenchman Benoit Paire tested positive a day before the event. He was asked to withdraw but the two-week event continues. Formula One is another successful example of the sacredness of the bubble. Despite involvement of travel every few weeks, there has only been one positive test out of 25,000 odd—Sergio Perez of Racing Point. Thanks to the bio-bubble, September—when almost all major football leagues begin—will look like any other year from a sports perspective.

Closer home, the popular Indian Premier League (IPL) couldn't have asked for a scarier start in the UAE. Thirteen CSK players and members tested positive in Dubai before being sent into isolation. More positive cases could jeopardise the league. Thankfully, the other seven teams seem to be fine. The BCCI would be hoping the bio-bubble remains intact and its sanctity respected.

Though the sports ministry is keen on resuming the sporting season, creating a bio-bubble in India would be the first challenge for organisers, starting with the Indian Super League and I-league football tournaments scheduled after the IPL. Professional leagues can still afford it but the challenge would be for the National Sports Federations to host nationals in a bio-bubble. With hundreds participating and converging from all over the country usually by train and various other means of transport, NSFs will have a daunting task to create a secure bubble. Educating the athletes, putting in place strict norms and monitoring will not be easy either. It will also cost more than any regular nationals. Most NSFs don't have the luxury of a budget. The way things stand, it sounds very difficult to host nationals now. After all, the safety of our athletes is paramount.

Standardisation is antithetical to the spirit of Onam and the festival reminds us of the efficaciousness of contrariety

ONAM AND THE ACCOMMODATIVE SOUL OF INDIA

JAWHAR SIRCAR

Retired civil servant. Former Culture Secretary and ex-CEO, Prasar Bharati

TAPAS RANJAN

Onam, which bids farewell, is much more than a festival of joy, for it represents the core of the great reconciliatory heart of Hinduism. Most such celebrations recall the victory of a great God or Goddess over dark forces, personified usually by a demonic Asura. The Ramayana marks the destruction of a Rakshasa while the Durga Puja emphasises Devi's triumph over Mahishasura. Where killing Asuras is concerned, it is little Balagopala who gets the prize for the maximum number—from Putana to terrible Asuras like the whirlwind Trinavarta, the crane Bakasura, the serpent Aghasura, the ferocious bat Vyomasura, Keshi the horse and more. As an adult, he slew Narakasura as well. The point is, the Asura is invariably portrayed as an evil that engages the divinity in a mortal combat and the latter has to really struggle to overpower him. The only approved memory we are programmed to carry is hatred for the defeated demon. Not so in Kerala.

Though Mahabali came from an impeccable Asura lineage, he just does not fit into such an antagonistic bracket. True, his great grandfather Hiranyakashipu was a terror until he was vanquished by Narasimhama, but his grandfather Prahlada was a Vishnu-worshipping Asura—though he too suffered because of the jealousy of the Gods. According to the *Kedara Kanda* of the *Skanda Purana*, reiterated by Krishna in the *Mahabharata*, Prahlada's son and Mahabali's very generous father, Virochana, was tricked by Indra disguised as a Brahman into offering his own head. We need not repeat how the wise and just king of Kerala, Mahabali, was also artfully led by Vishnu, dressed as a Vamana and pushed into the netherworld. What emerges from these tales is that the Asuras had enviable skills and strength and when threatened, the Gods often resorted to subterfuge to win. But it is only in Kerala that Karma visits, because the people celebrate the victim—the annual return of their virtuous king Mahabali, not Vishnu's overlordship over him. This does not make Malayalis any less Hindu. An attempt was made some four years to 'mainstream' Onam, whatever that means, by suggesting that it be observed as Vamana Jayanthi. This proposal was met with popular anger and roundly rejected by Kerala. The homogenisers of Hinduism are still wondering what went wrong.

Numerous researchers, European and Indian, have grappled with the origins and significance of Asuras, Rakshasas, Danavas and related folk. Many scholars have indicated that the term 'Asura' and his usual portrayal as a dark creature with a fearsome moustache reflected the prejudices of the fairer section in Aryavarta for the indigenous people of India. In his comprehensive coverage, *Early Indians*, Tony Joseph has established with convincing evidence that the more ancient layers of Indians had created their own advanced civilisations before Sanskrit speakers began to hegemonise. Texts have often attempted to erase the Asuras' boundaries with the Devas by describing them as the descendants of Kashyap, one of the progenitors of all living beings, through two of his wives, the sisters Aditi and Diti.

It would perhaps be more appropriate to view 'Asuras' as a genetic description covering all who differed with the narrative of the 'heartland'.

> It is this spirit of accommodation that has brought together so many different, widely varying and contesting communities in India

The mighty opponents among them were immortalised in tales that celebrated their defeat at the hands of Devas. In modern India, where casteism is still rampant in spite of constitutional prohibition and legal deterrents, long-suffering Dalits and subaltern groups have begun to celebrate or deify Asuras, Rakshasas and other anti-heroes of Hindu lore. Decades ago, Periyar had attacked the Ramayana and upheld Ravana as the hero and now some Dravidian groups are bent on valourising Narakasura who was vanquished by Krishna. Ravana has, incidentally, been worshipped for ages by certain traditional groups in Mandsaur, Gadchiroli, Bisrakh, Kangra, Mandya, Kakinada, Kolar and even Jodhpur. Mahishasura's festival in JNU shocked the education minister a few years ago, but then he has also become the epicentre of a counter culture even in some localities of Durga-worshipping Bengal.

Though symbolic, the message is clear and it is time to recall that it was the spirit of accommodation that had brought together so many different, widely varying and contesting communities in India. The process stretched over several centuries; patience and tolerance were its virtues. Once a definite triad of Vishnu, Shiva and Devi emerged as supreme by the first millennium, Hinduism went through massive 'mergers and acquisitions'. Regional, local and minor deities were subsumed quite flexibly into one of the three, but their original autonomy was protected. These autochthonous deities were explained as *avatars* or *roopas* of the primary three, aided adroitly by *sahasranamams*. Care was taken to install safety valves like ensuring a position for the original non-Brahmin priests and by re-enacting ancient customs in temples and festivals. In the absence of a Vatican or a single 'holy book', unity was achieved by respecting diversity, and a series of unwritten pacts were created through myths. These adjustments with local deities and beliefs, *pax deorum*, formed the building blocks of Hinduism. Incidentally, the most effective mass-based regional treaties that unite a whole people are seen in Kerala during Onam, and in Odisha. There, the wooden stump worshipped by the tribals was elevated and accepted as the highest god of the universe, Jagannath.

Standardisation is antithetical to this spirit and Onam reminds us of the efficaciousness of contrariety.

(Tweets @jawharsircar)

TIRUVANAIKKA: UNDERSTANDING HISTORY, LAYER BY LAYER

MADHUSUDHANAN KALAICHELVAN

Architect, serves on the govt-instituted panel for conservation of temples in TN

Tiruvanaikka, a quiet town near Tiruchy with a massive temple complex and broad and aligned streets that resonate with sacred chants, is one of the *pancha bhootha* shrines of Shiva in South India. This temple, which has been active since the 5th century CE, shares the island of Srirangam with the famous temple for Ranganathaswamy, a form of Vishnu. Sanctified by the *Thevaram* hymns, the Tiruvanaikka temple is unique in several ways.

The temple walls echo the sound of inscriptions being chiselled to record information, royal orders, commands of officials and sometimes even the words of the Almighty. The oldest inscription found till now is an early Chola inscription of Parantaka I (10th century CE); there are more from the later Cholas, later Pandyas, Hoysalas, Rashtrakutas, Vijayanagara and Nayak kings. The knowledge corpus these equip us with is immense. For example, the temple houses a fragmentary inscription of Parantaka I that addresses him as *Maduraikonda Parakesari* and mentions his endowment to burn a perpetual lamp to the Mahadeva Bhattarar or Shiva as he was called then. Only very few inscriptions of Parantaka I have ever been documented, so this one is worth its weight in gold!

Following Parantaka, several inscriptions recording the long list of gifts, jewellery and land donations made by the medieval and later Chola monarchs are sprinkled all around the temple. However, Tiruvanaikka also has a few inscriptions that paint us a clear picture of the shift in political power from the great Cholas, whose might was almost history by the 13th century, to their subordinates like Kopperunchingan, the Kadava king. It is around the same time when the already popular Hoysala dynasty was expanding its territories. From the times of Rajaraja III, the Chola empire faced severe political turbulence and the rulers had to depend on the Hoysalas for their own safety. Due to its proximity to Kannanur, the second Hoysala capital, the Tiruvanaikka temple has a few inscriptions that reflect the Chola-Hoysala relationship. An often unnoticed shrine built during this period is the Somaleshwaram shrine housing an image of Shiva and Parvati. Two almost defaced inscriptions, partly in Kannada and partly in Grantha, record the structure being built by Vira Someshwara, the Hoysala king, in honour of his queen Somala Devi. Though small, the Dwarapalakas and Nandi icons seen here reverberate with the Hoysala finesse. Several inscriptions of Tiruvanaikka record the importance Vira Someshwara had in the development of the temple and his able administration.

River Kaveri garlands the island of Srirangam and a heavy monsoon often floods the settlements. Sometimes the gushing flood water even washes away boundary stones that demarcate the extent of individual lands. One inscription documents such an incident that happened in the times of Kulottunga Chola III, when a committee with representations from both the temples of Srirangam and Tiruvanaikka, along with government officials, measured the extent of the temple lands as per existing records and relaid the boundary.

The Tiruvanaikka temple since the 13th century CE has been a strong spiritual centre around which many religious institutions and monasteries functioned. Several inscriptions tell us that these institutions, despite following different branches of Shaivite philosophy, coexisted in close proximity to the temple. Narpattenaayiravar Mutt, Andar Embiran Mutt, Sangama Devar Mutt, Somanatha Devar Mutt and Akhilandanayaki Mutt are a few of the institutions that functioned here. Going by the names and descriptions of their traditions, one can be sure that these mutts propagated different branches of Shaivam, namely—Pasupata, Siddhanta Saiva and Virasaiva. One such continuous tradition bestows the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, administered by the Shankaracharayas, with the privilege of performing the *tatanka pradishtai*, the ceremonial offering of the highly ornate and unique earrings to Tiruvanaikka's Goddess Akhilandeshwari.

It was a general tradition in the Chola period to address inscriptions of Shiva temples in the name of Adi Chandeshwara. The deity is in fact described as the senior attendant and caretaker of the temple. Among several such orders is an interesting one made in 1585 CE about the appointment of a certain Chandrasekhara Guru Udaiyar as the temple high administrative officer. The inscription starts by quoting the erstwhile tradition of selecting a disciple of a *Pasupata sanyasi* (a pontiff) for this post, command of which extended into general administration, accounts and associated power, checking on traditions and deciding on privileges for other temple employees. However, with the appointment of Chandrasekhara Guru, the tradition shifts from appointing a *sanyasi* to a *gruhasta* (a householder). What makes it more interesting is that the representatives are expected to observe *pasupata vratam;* the inscription says Chandrasekhara Guru and his descendants shall now observe *gruhasta pasupata vratam*. The shift of administrative control from a pontiff to a householder and bestowing the rights directly to his descendants was a revolutionary change. How this was accepted by the other temple employees and devotees remain unanswered due to paucity of data.

These are less than a handful of examples from close to 200 inscriptions documented so far in the Tiruvanaikka temple. If that can give us such diverse information on events ranging from flooding to finance, burning a lamp to fall of a dynasty, different schools of philosophy to change in administration control, imagine how much our temples have in store to share with us! Unexplored areas like the role of Hoysalas in the Tiruvanaikka temple need to be studied in detail for a deeper understanding of our history. They are truly embedded layers of history, waiting to be deciphered.

(madhu.kalai0324@gmail.com)

(Left) A bird's-eye view of the Tiruvanaikka temple in the island of Srirangam in Tamil Nadu's Tiruchy district. River Kaveri can be seen | CHANDRU; (Right) A rare inscription of Chola ruler Parantaka I inside the temple | ARUNKUMAR PANKAJ

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Pranab Da will be missed

Pranab Da served India with uncommon devotion and will be missed. His sagacity, oratory and administrative skills will always be remembered.

Niranjan Sahoo, Bhubaneswar

Outstanding parliamentarian

With the death of the former President, the nation has lost an outstanding parliamentarian. Despite being a quintessential Congressman, on an invitation, he addressed an RSS event in 2018. It was a brilliant speech in which he spoke about nationalism, intolerance and democracy without attacking his hosts.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

A void that is tough to fill

Pranab Mukherjee succumbing to illnesses after testing positive for Covid is most unfortunate. An upright statesman, his loss will create a void in the political arena that can never be filled easily.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Oratorical skills

His oratorical skills, based on logic and delivered in precise language tinged with abundant witticisms, will not be forgotten. As President, he would be remembered for his swift decisiveness in rejecting most mercy petitions, including that of Ajmal Kasab and Yakub Memon.

B Suresh Kumar, Coimbatore

Agri the sole bright spot

The first quarter GDP data showcases the dismal state the country's economy is in. In these trying times, agriculture has made encouraging contributions. The government has to work for the betterment of agro-based industries.

Manseet Swaroop, Bhubaneswar

Degree of decline shocking

The GDP fall was expected but the degree of decline is a bit shocking. As some doctors have said, it is time for a balanced approach rather than a corona-centric one as the mortality rates of many diseases are much higher than that of Covid.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Fitting reply to China

Just two months after the Galwan standoff, China has shown its expansionist face again, this time on the southern bank of Pangong Lake. However, our forces thwarted the PLA. China is not only unreliable, but seems to have no values. If diplomatic efforts fail, India is strong enough now to give a fitting reply.

Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Give GST share to states

Every state should get its due GST share from the Centre. However, the Centre can monitor the funds to ensure money is not diverted for wasteful purposes.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

India's foundations strong

This is with reference to *How disasters can lead to a rise in authoritarianism* (Aug 31). Since the foundations of democracy in India are strong, the country will not be affected by the pandemic. It cannot be compared to other democracies or the autocracy of China and Russia.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Concentration of powers

Disasters lead to unexpected challenges. So leaders enforce contingency powers. But any concentration of powers in the hands of one man or group leads to political and economic corruption.

Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
To all students taking JEE exam and later NEET: Dont dwell on the regrettable past. It was not due to you. Think about doing your best now.

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Paid respects at @CitiznMukherjee's last residence ... Saw @Abhijit_LS & @Sharmistha_GK, their eyes red with grief above their #Covid19 masks.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Congratulations to all justice-loving people and UP Congress workers for their efforts in the release of Dr Kafeel Khan.

FB BIASED AGAINST RIGHT WING, STAFF ABUSED PM: PRASAD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Law and IT Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** on Tuesday wrote to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, whose company is currently in the middle of a full-blown political controversy over the allegations of political bias, alleging his staff of abusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Prasad also alleged some of the employees of the social media giant of being biased against the right-of-centre ideology.

Prasad, in his three-page letter, said it was "problematic" that some of Facebook's employees were "on record abusing the Prime Minister and senior Cabinet Ministers of India while still working in Facebook India and managing important positions."

He added that the anti-government bias of its employees was "doubly problematic" when it became "the inherent bias of the platform."

The law minister alleged that in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, a "concerted effort by Facebook India management" was put in to not just delete pages or substantially reduce the reach of the BJP but to also "offer no recourse or right of appeal to affected people who are supportive of the right-of-centre ideology."

Alleging that the employee's bias could impact free speech the letter said, it is "unacceptable when political bosses of individuals impinge on the freedom of speech of millions of people."

Meanwhile, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also demanded punishment for the "guilty". "No one, let alone a foreign company, can be allowed to interfere in our nation's affairs. They must be investigated immediately and when found guilty, punished," he tweeted.

The Congress has already written to Zuckerberg alleging the social media giant of not applying hate speech rules to posts by the members of the ruling BJP. Facebook has been facing heat since a in *The Wall Street Journal* report, which alleged that Facebook had shown a bias in not taking down content from the BJP supported pages or accounts that flouted norms and that its head of public policy in India, Ankhi Das, showed support for the BJP.

'NEP-based curriculum not before 2023'

*THE new curriculum suggested by the National Education Policy 2020 can only be implemented by the academic year 2023-24, said **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Director Hrushikesh Senapaty.** It will take a year for the NCERT to develop the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and another two years to develop the textbooks, he said in conversation with **Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express,** and author and senior journalist **Kaveree Bamzai** on TNIE Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

Senapaty said a collaborative effort will be required to implement the new curriculum. "We will prepare the textbooks in a phased manner and will be able to implement it in three years," he said.

"Even though our curriculum will be introduced in CBSE affiliated schools, the NEP will be adopted by all the states as well with slight modifications. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), which has all the education ministers of all the states, will approve the curriculum and then it will be accepted by the states. This time there will be not one but four NCFs — early childhood care and education, school education, teacher education and adult education curriculum," he added.

The implementation of the policy will also need well-trained teachers who can teach the new syllabus. But who will train these teachers? "We have started a massive teachers' training programme from August 19 for 42 lakh elementary school teachers and till date have trained 17.5 lakh teachers keeping in view the pedagogy. Mostly, it's a question of pedagogy. If there is no change in approach, it will not be fruitful. We need our teachers to give the students experiential education. There will also be in online mode," Senapaty said.

It will take another year for NCERT to prepare the framework and develop a curriculum and will take another two years to prepare the textbooks

Hrushikesh Senapaty, NCERT director

The three-language formula has been heavily debated since the NEP was made public. The NCERT director said the policy has left ample room for modifications in formula and that it is very flexible. "The states can choose two Indian languages of their choice and nowhere does it mention that Sanskrit is compulsory, neither is Hindi." said Senapaty. "It is up to the state to develop the textbooks as well. We develop textbooks in English, Hindi and Urdu. The states then adapt it to the other Indian languages. The language textbooks, too, are developed by the states. We only give them a framework."

The NEP emphasises on implementing three modes of assessment which will have both teachers and students participating in the process for a holistic educational experience, said Senapaty.

India needs to focus on teaching life skills in an integrated manner rather than just emphasise on cognitive skills, he said. "Our focus has shifted from content mastery to competence mastery," he said.

'China testing our resolve as India boosts militry infa in east Ladakh'

Experts say aggressions part of Beijing plan to raise India's economic cost to defend border

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

CHINA'S continued provocations and aggressions along the LAC in eastern Ladakh is part of Beijing's game plan to restrict India militarily to the region and at the same time, raise the economic costs for it to defend the frontiers, according to defence experts.

"This movement will require us to base a large number of our troops and equipment in the sector which will lead to a massive cost on the economy," said Brigadier (retd) Rupinder Dhillon. Even if the stalemate at one point is resolved, China will open a new front at some other place, he warned.

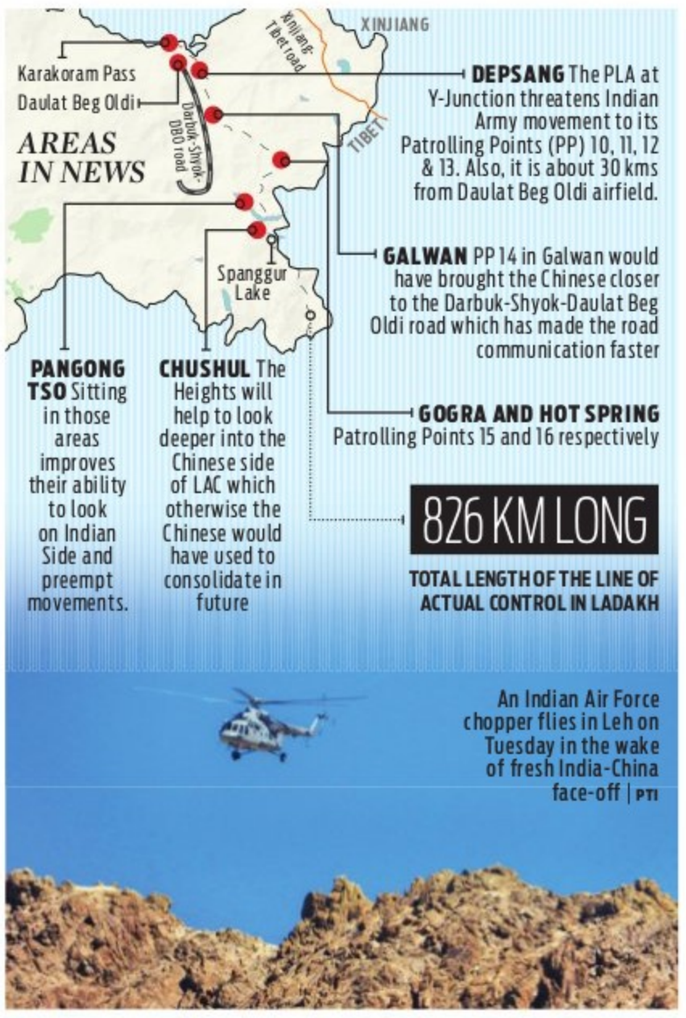
There are other factors, too, playing in the in the mind of the Chinese establishment. Senior military officers believe in last few years, India has not only augmented its military infrastructure, but also improved deployments in the area, giving us a capability to react faster and more effectively.

Defence analyst Lt-Gen (retd) V K Chaturvedi said, "Post Kargil, we raised an independent corps to handle Siachen, Kargil and LAC and now we have multiple routes to maintain these areas. IAF has also acquired heavy lift capability to maintain these difficult areas." India has activated Fukche, Nyoma and Daulat Beg Oldi airstrips in addition to those at Leh, Thois and Kargil. Additionally, an independent mountain brigade and an armoured brigade have been raised for the area and plans are in mature stages for a large aviation formation to be raised, confirmed Lt-Gen Chaturvedi.

We occupied the heights; had it been vice-versa, they would have been able to look deeper into our areas

V K Chaturvedi, Lt-Gen (retired)

The government has also been taking hard decisions in the last few years. 'Salami slicing' and nibbling at Indian territory has been China's tactics along the LAC since long. But this is changing and that's what China is working to offset, said experts. The Chinese are testing our resolve. Their operation on the night of August 29-30 was a bid to occupy heights in Chushul area on the southern bank of Pangong Lake which would have given them advantageous position. "We occupied the heights; had it been vice-versa, they would have been able to look deeper into our areas. Also, it would have given them the opportunity to consolidate in those areas in future."


AREAS IN NEWS
Karakoram Pass
Daulat Beg Oldi
Darbuk-Shyok-DBO road
Xinjiang-Tibet road
XINJIANG
TIBET
Spanggur Lake
DEPSANG The PLA at Y-Junction threatens Indian Army movement to its Patrolling Points (PP) 10, 11, 12 & 13. Also, it is about 30 kms from Daulat Beg Oldi airfield.
GALWAN PP 14 in Galwan would have brought the Chinese closer to the Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldi road which has made the road communication faster
GOGRA AND HOT SPRING Patrolling Points 15 and 16 respectively
826 KM LONG
TOTAL LENGTH OF THE LINE OF ACTUAL CONTROL IN LADAKH
PANGONG TSO Sitting in those areas improves their ability to look on Indian Side and preempt movements.
CHUSHUL The Heights will help to look deeper into the Chinese side of LAC which otherwise the Chinese would have used to consolidate in future

An Indian Air Force chopper flies in Leh on Tuesday in the wake of fresh India-China face-off | PTI

DOMICILE

Former PRC holders get 99% of papers in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday said over 12.5 lakh domicile certificates were issued so far, with 99% of them being erstwhile Permanent Resident Certificate (PRD) holders. The certificates don't confer the land rights but are meant for applying of jobs, it said.

"Over 99% of those issued certificates include holders of erstwhile Permanent Resident Certificates (PRCs) and include Kashmiri Pandit migrants," government spokesman Rohit Kansal said.

So far, 11,398 West Pakistan refugees, 415 Valmikis, 10 Gorkhas and 12,340 registered migrants have been issued the certificates, he said.

Kansal said the government has reduced the time limit from 15 days to just five days for providing domicile certificates to PRC holders. "For erstwhile J&K residents, the domicile certificate would be issued on availability of PRCs," he added.

Principal Secretary Revenue Pawan Kotwal said the certificate is for applying for jobs. "It has nothing to do with land rights. It is only a device for a person to get employment under the Decentralization and Recruitment Act," he asserted.

MoEF relaxes plantation norms for road projects

NEW DELHI: The Union Environment Ministry has relaxed norms of forest clearance for national highway projects, allowing state agencies to take up compensatory afforestation in degraded forest land instead of non-forest land, as per existing rules.

The NHAI, under the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH), wanted a relaxation in forest clearance rules to seemingly skip finding non-forest land for compensatory afforestation (CA) while forest land was diverted for development of highway infrastructure.

"It has been decided that MoRTH/Central agencies will be entered as a 'user agency' in the online application form in such cases, where work that is of central sector projects and is owned, developed and maintained by the central government but the execution is carried out by a state agency. As the user agency is the central government or a PSU, the dispensation of CA over double the degraded forest land, instead of equivalent non-forest land will be available in such cases," said an order. *ENS*

'India violated agreement, must stop provocation'

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

CHINA on Tuesday yet again blamed India for the fresh tension at Pangong Tso along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi saying there have been problems as India and China don't have a clearly demarcated boundary between them.

"China will firmly safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity and is ready to manage all kinds of issues through dialogue with the Indian side. China is committed to maintaining stability along the border and will not be the first to complicate or escalate the situation," the Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece *The Global Times* quoted Wang as saying.

Fresh tensions emerged along the LAC after the June 15 violent face-off at the Galwan Valley between Indian and Chinese troops that led to the death of 20 Indian Army soldiers. In a statement on Monday, New Delhi said Indian troops had foiled an attempt by the Chinese troops to transgress in Ladakh and that talks were being held to resolve the issue.

Meanwhile, Chinese Embassy spokesperson Ji Rong blamed the rise of tension on India, saying on August 31, Indian troops violated the consensus reached in previous multi-level engagements and negotiations and illegally trespassed the LAC again and conducted flagrant provocations.

"India's move has grossly violated China's territorial sovereignty, seriously violated relevant agreements, protocols and important consensus reached between the two countries, and severely damaged peace and tranquillity along the China-India border areas," Ji said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying also demanded India to stop its provocations and withdraw its border troops. "China demands that India immediately cease any actions that may lead to tensions, escalation and complication of the situation."

EXPRESS READ

Defence orders: SJM opposes norm changes

The Swadeshi Jagran Manch, in a letter to PM Narendra Modi, has protested against 74% FDI in defence through automatic route and also the dilution of norms for domestic procurement of defence goods, which have been put under the negative list to give a boost to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign. "Diluting the definition of Indian vendor will be a deadly blow to Indian defence industry," SJM convenor Ashwani Mahajan wrote.

Ex-bureaucrats demand strong action against Sudarshan TV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

A group of over 90 former bureaucrats have written to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B), the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), demanding strong action against Sudarshan TV for its proposed telecast of a "communally charged" series on recruitment of IAS and IPS officers in the country.

In the letter, the civil servants have called for a "stronger administrative and legal action" against the news channel for its "communally charged, divisive and sensational series" on the recruitment process.

Incidentally, the Delhi High Court has already granted an interim stay on the telecast of the series.

Pranab Mukherjee cremated with full State honours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FORMER President Pranab Mukherjee was cremated with full State honours at the Lodhi Road electric crematorium in New Delhi on Tuesday afternoon. His son, Abhijit Mukherjee, performed the last rites.

Mukherjee's family and relatives paid their last respects clad in personal protective equipment (PPE) kits while conforming to Covid-19 safeguards. An Army contingent gave a guard of honour and a gun salute to him.

Mukherjee, 84, died on Monday evening at the Army's Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi Cantonment following a 21-day battle with multiple ailments, including Covid-19

He was admitted to the hospital on August 10 following a fall at his home after which he had undergone a surgery to remove a clot in his brain. He was since then in a coma and was on ventilator support.

Abhijit Mukherjee, son of Pranab Mukherjee, performs rituals during the cremation of the former president at Lodhi Road crematorium in New Delhi on Tuesday | PTI

Earlier in the day, leaders from the entire political spectrum paid their last respects to the senior Congress leader at his Rajaji Marg residence.

President Ram Nath Kovind, PM Narendra Modi, former PM Manmohan Singh, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi were among the leaders who visited Mukherjee's residence.

Describing his father as a "born soldier", who fought against odds in all his life, Abhijeet said many couldn't attend his funeral because of the pandemic. "We would prefer to take his mortal remains for the last rites to Bengal, where our relatives live... When I contested Assembly polls in 2011 he advised me to never hold any grudge or feeling of revenge against anyone," he said.

Two-minute silence

The Cabinet meeting chaired by Modi condoled the demise of Mukherjee. The Cabinet members also observed a two-minute silence in his memory. Home Minister Amit Shah, who had been discharged from AIIMS on Monday, attended the meeting through video conference.

Moratorium period on repayment of loan extendable by 2 years: Centre, RBI tell SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre and the RBI on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that the moratorium period on repayment of loans during the pandemic is 'extendable' by two years and several steps have been taken to help the stressed sectors, amid uncertainty over the scheme that ended on August 31.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a three-judge bench, headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan, that a formal decision was yet to be taken, adding that a fresh affidavit has been filed in the top court on the issue.

"We are in the process of identifying the distressed sectors to vary benefits as per the impact of hit they have taken," Mehta said.

Noting that the economy has contracted by 23 per cent due to the Covid-19, he said several steps had been taken for stressed sectors.

"I am saying with a great sense of responsibility. Harish Salve also spoke with the bankers' association. Most of the issues are addressed," the Solicitor General said.

The bench was seized of petitions demanding waiver of interest, or waiver of interest on interest on the suspended EMIs during the moratorium.

Maintaining that the matter can't delay any further, the bench posted it for further hearing on Wednesday.

The Supreme Court had last week sought the government's stand on waiving interest on loan repayments during the moratorium, saying it cannot hide behind the RBI.

During the hearing, the RBI and the Centre maintained that a complete interest waiver was not possible as banks, too, had to pay interest to depositors.

Noting that everything can't be left to banks, the SC had asked the government to consider interfering on the issue of interest waiver for the loan moratorium announced in view of the lockdown.

GOGOI STABLE

The health condition of Covid-infected three-time former Assam Chief Minister and Congress stalwart Tarun Gogoi improved after he was given blood plasma and two litres of oxygen. Gogoi, 85, is among 15 Assam MLAs who tested positive for the viral infection

94.3 MT OF FREIGHT CARRIED IN AUGUST BY TRAINS

Ahmedabad	33	26	Mumbai	30	24
Bhopal	30	23	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	31	26	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	33	26	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	34	25	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	33	26	Imphal	30	23
Srinagar	24	17	Chandigarh	32	26

(Left) Students arrive at an exam centre in Thane to appear for JEE Main; a student wearing face shield waits to enter an exam centre in Kolkata | PTI

Maha: Rain hits JEE, re-exam likely

Bombay HC asks govt to consider giving students from flood-hit districts another chance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai/Srinagar/Kolkata

THE Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday refused to defer the prestigious Joint Entrance Exams (JEE), but asked the authorities to consider re-exams for students who missed their exams due the flood situation and unavailability of transport.

"If a student was unable to sit for the exam due to the flood situation, a representation can be made through the local agency to the apex body of the JEE-Main Examination, which shall be considered after making inquiries from the centre's coordinator and the district collector," said the court.

The hearing took place just half-an-hour before the exam was due to begin. Earlier, the Additional Solicitor General assured the court that those unable to take the exam because of the floods could make a representation to the coordinator of the agency conducting the exam in the district.

Problems in Bengal, J&K

Like Maharashtra, JEE aspirants in West Bengal had a difficult time reaching their test centres owing to heavy rain and lack of transport.

The government had asked state transport utilities to start bus services from 5 am, but several candidates said that they had to wait for hours to get a bus to reach their centres.

Candidates were allowed inside a centre after thermal screening. Not more than 12 were accommodated in a room.

In J&K, fears of Covid-19 infection resulted in many JEE aspirants from the Valley staying overnight in mosques in Srinagar. The exam was scheduled at Rangreth centre in Budgam district.

Shabir Ahmad Bhat, father of a candidate, said many other aspirants too reached the centre at 7 am. He said there were no transportation facilities and parents ferried their children on their own. Another parent Zahid Ahmad said they faced lot of difficulty in getting the Covid testing done. The government had made it mandatory for the candidate appearing in the JEE man exam to carry Covid-19 negative report.

Aggrieved students can file application to the NTA via their centre coordinator. The NT shall then decide on the application after consulting with the district collector within a period of 15 days
Bombay High Court

COVID CHALLENGE

DEATH PER MILLION SHOT UP OVER 100% IN A MONTH

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE rapidly rising COVID-19 load in India is not the only concern as the high mortality rate is also a cause of worry for health experts and epidemiologists. Data released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from time to time show that in a month, the death per million due to the COVID-19 in India has more than doubled, even though the infection fatalities in the country is among the lowest in the world.

On July 30, when the number of deaths stood at 35,790, India had 20.4 deaths per million due to the disease. But within a month, on August 30, with 64,469 deaths, the figure reached 48 and is steadily marching upwards.

Till Tuesday morning, India had registered a total of 36,91,166 confirmed coronavirus cases and 65,288 deaths, with the highest — 24,583 — deaths recorded in Maharashtra alone. The case fatality rate due to the disease is 1.8 per cent as of now.

There are eight states and Union Territories (UTs) whose death per million figures are much higher than the national average. In Delhi, the figure stands at the highest (220), closely followed by Maharashtra where death per million at present is 198.

"The rising death counts in several states are worrisome and it could also be because a more susceptible population maybe now coming out after the end of the nationwide lockdown most parts of the country and, in turn, getting exposed to the virus," said Dr Anant Bhan, a researcher in global health and bioethics.

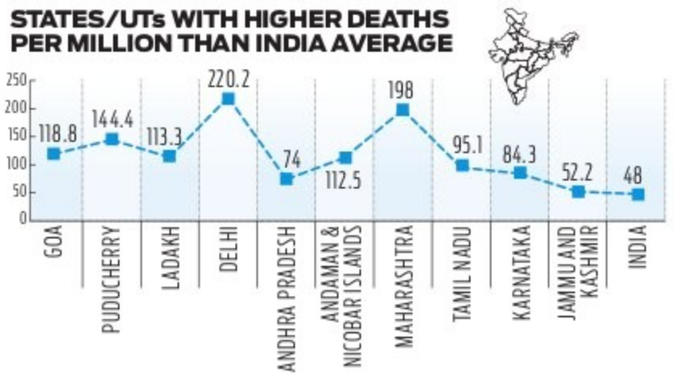
He added that mechanisms such as strong coordination between public and private hospitals, robust referral systems and close monitoring of infected people under home isolation were a must to keep the rising death per million under check.

Dr T Sundararaman, public health expert and former director of the National Health Systems Resource Centre, said it is a matter of grave concern that the pandemic is showing no sign of plateauing in the country yet and lack of adequate healthcare service may be resulting in even many preventable deaths.

"We are soon going to have the largest number of official tally of cases and may have the highest death toll globally by the time the pandemic ends," he said.

Some experts, however, explained that death per million figure could only go up as the denominator-or the population-is almost fixed.

"In my view what needs to be watched closely is the case fatality rate and its variation across states," said Dr Chandrakant Laharia, a New Delhi-based public health specialist.



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Five states account for 65% deaths

NEW DELHI: Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have registered the maximum COVID-19 cases as well as fatalities in the last 24 hours.

These five states have reported 536 deaths which accounts for 65.4 % of the national toll, the Centre said.

As per the Union health ministry, Maharashtra reported 11,852 fresh cases, Andhra Pradesh (10,004), Karnataka (6,495), Tamil Nadu (5,956) and Uttar Pradesh (4,782) in the past 24 hours.

Together, they account for 56% of the confirmed cases added in a day.

But these five states have also reported the maximum number of cured and discharged patients in the last 24 hours, cumulatively accounting for 58.04% of the national figure of 65,081 persons, said the ministry. *ENS*

COURT RELIEF

JNU student gets bail from HC in riot case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PINJRA Tod activist Devangana Kalita was present in a peaceful agitation, which is a fundamental right guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution, the Delhi High Court said on Tuesday while granting bail to her in a Delhi riot case.

"The police failed to produce any material to show Kalita instigated women of a particular community or gave hatred speech due to which precious life of a young man was sacrificed and property damaged," Justice Suresh Kait said.

Kalita, however, will remain behind bars as the Special Cell is probing her alleged role in the riots to unearth the larger conspiracy behind the violence.

"In my considered opinion, no prejudice would be caused to the respondent's investigation by grant of relief to the petitioner, and she would be prevented from suffering further unnecessary harassment, humiliation, and unjustified detention," the judge noted.

Despite police cameras, there was no evidence to nail down Kalita, the order said. She did not evade arrest or even file for anticipatory bail because she had no reason to believe that she ought to be in custody, it added.

AIMIM to contest 50 seats in Bihar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

LOK Sabha MP Asaduddin Owaisi said on Tuesday that his party, All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul Muslimeen (AIMIM) will contest polls for 50 of the 243 Assembly seats in Bihar. The AIMIM has one MLA from Kishanganj in the Seemanchal region of the state.

In a tweet, Owaisi, who is the national president of AIMIM, appealed to the people to strengthen the '*majilis*' in Bihar. "The person voted by you in the name of secularism is now with Modi. That is why I request you to strengthen the *majlis* in Bihar and not get wooed by anyone."

Releasing a list of the 50 Assembly seats, AIMIM's Bihar chief Akhtarul Eman said the objective of the party was to ensure the rights of minorities and Dalits.

The AIMIM leader accused CM Nitish Kumar of supporting the BJP, which he said, has promoted only hatred in politics. "Nitish Kumar has done nothing for the minorities and has sided with the BJP on National Register of Citizens and the Citizenship Amendment Act. The people of Seemanchal are reeling under the flood fury, but he has done nothing to help them. The Congress and others too have cheated the minorities," Eman said.

HC sets Kafeel Khan free, quashes charges

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Allahabad High Court on Tuesday dropped all charges under the National Security Act (NSA) against **Dr Kafeel Khan**, who was detained for his speech during the anti-CAA protests on the Aligarh Muslim University campus in December last year.

"A complete reading of the speech also nowhere threatens peace and tranquility of the city of Aligarh. The address gives a call for national integrity and unity among the citizens," the division bench of Chief Justice Govind Marhur and Justice Saumitra Dayal Singh, said while allowing a habeas corpus petition by his mother Nuzhat Perween.

While the speech was delivered on December 12, Dr Khan was arrested at the Mumbai airport by the UP Special Task Force on January 29.

The petition said Dr Khan was granted bail on January 29 but was not released. The NSA was invoked against him in February by the Aligarh district magistrate.

The bench observed: "The state authorities have failed to discharge their bounden burden to establish that the lecture delivered by Khan on December 12, 2019, has such a deleterious effect on the public order in Aligarh as had continued to exist up to February 13, 2020 necessitating preventive detention of the detenue on that later date."

It said the appellant was also denied the opportunity to seek the court's intervention against his detention under the NSA.

Experts for legal action against NSA misuse

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE National Security Act is a (NSA) highly misused law and there should be a provision for initiating legal action against errant officers who allegedly invoke its stringent provision wrongfully, legal experts said in the aftermath of the Allahabad HC's immediate release order of Dr Kafeel Khan.

"I know its (NSA) constitutionality was upheld by the Supreme Court but this law has immense potential of being misused. You can hold people for up to one year without trial," senior advocate Rebecca John said. "90% of the times the cases under this section don't stand judicial scrutiny but it doesn't matter because it takes so long for these matters to be heard that the mischief of the law and the mischief of its usage is fulfilled."

This year has been even more difficult for NSA detainees to get relief because of the challenges posed by the pandemic, resultant virtual hearings etc, she said. "The process (to get relief) itself becomes a punishment and this is what the state banks upon."

Former Home Secretary GK Pillai called for the courts to step up and order action against errant officers for misuse of the law. "The misuse can only be stopped if the courts come down hard on those who misuse this."

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves said a "wrong" order has led to huge injustice. "The Supreme Court set a wrong example in a case where it held that even if the prosecution presents material that is legally inadmissible as evidence during the trial, the courts can refuse bail on the basis of that material. That is an illogical and wrong order that is causing huge injustice in the country."

HC wonders how Aligarh DM passed detention order

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

PULLING up the UP authorities for ordering **Dr Kafeel Khan** in detention under the National Security Act, the Allahabad High Court came down heavily on the Aligarh district magistrate for selective reading of a few phrases from the pediatrician's speech while ignoring its true intent.

"Our anxiety is only to assess that as to whether a reasonable man could have arrived at a conclusion as arrived by the DM, Aligarh? Prima Facie, the speech is not such that a reasonable man could have arrived at a conclusion as the inference drawn by the DM," a bench headed by Chief Justice Govind Mathur said.

There was a serious lack of objective material on record for a valid subjective satisfaction with the detaining authority against Khan, the bench said, asserting that the DM's subjective satisfaction for passing an NSA detention order was not found to have been reached in a legal and regular manner but on "whim and humour".

"A complete reading of the speech prima facie does not disclose any effort to promote hatred or violence. It nowhere threatens peace and tranquility of Aligarh," the court observed, adding that the address gives a call for national integrity among the citizens.

Army rescues 7 from flood-hit villages

Over 260 people were saved by Indian Air Force and Army from flood-hit villages of Madhya Pradesh recently. A team of Army engineers comprising 20 soldiers, led by Major Altamash, carried out flood relief operations in the worst hit Hoshangabad district. The team in boats rescued at least seven critical patients stranded in the floods in marooned villages of Babai area of the Central MP district. A total of 1,000 food packets and medical aids too were distributed among the stranded villagers. Torrential rains in many parts of Madhya Pradesh have claimed as many as 14 lives, besides damaging two road bridges.

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BHOPAL DIARY

Uma Bharti pained by media trial of Rhea

Firebrand BJP leader and ex-union minister Uma Bharti has voiced concern over the media trial of Rhea Chakarborty, the prime suspect in the actor Sushant Singh Rajput death case. The media and politicians should exercise restraint and not put Rhea on trial even before she is found prima facie involved in the case, she said. "Even before any woman is found guilty by the investigating agency, her media trial cannot be justified. Politics of regionalism over the issue too should be stopped." Bharti also appealed to people in the country to feel proud about Indian politicians like Indira Gandhi and Sushma Swaraj instead of taking pride in Indian origin US senator and Democratic Party's vice-presidential candidate Kamala Harris.

Farmers want prompt action like in SSR case

Demanding adequate compensation for their destroyed crop, farmers in Madhya Pradesh's Vidisha district recently drew parallels between their destroyed crop and death of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput. Farmers in Jafarkhedi village protested in large numbers, holding placards with portraits of the Bollywood actor whose mysterious death is now being probed by the CBI. Just as proactive efforts are being made by the media and government to render justice, similar attention should be paid to us for ensuring justice through adequate compensation for crops destroyed by rains, a farmer demanded.

Civil contractor held for impersonating MLA

A 41-year-old civil contractor has been arrested by the Indore Police Crime Branch for posing as three-time BJP MLA Ramesh Mendola and threatening an administrative official of Indore-based Bombay Hospital over phone for admitting his COVID-19 positive woman relative. While posing himself as Mendola, Anand Purohit had contacted hospital official Rahul Parashar and asked for admission of his Covid hit relative and threatened dire consequences, if she wasn't admitted and treated at the premier hospital. Indore is the worst Covid hit city in MP, leaving behind Gwalior, Jabalpur and Bhopal on its trail.

200 mn
Pop star Ariana Grande has become the first woman to have 200 million followers on Instagram

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	29	18	SNY	Los Angeles	25	16	SNY
Colombo	28	24	TDS	Melbourne	20	11	LC
Dhaka	33	25	LC	Moscow	21	11	LC
Dubai	41	30	SNY	New York	25	22	LR
Houston	36	25	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	32	21	SNY	Toronto	27	19	LR
London	19	15	LC	Washington	29	24	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Trump in Kenosha as racial tensions simmer

Visit to embattled city in key electoral state comes as president and Biden face off over who can best keep US safe

KENOSHA

A US President Donald Trump is diving head-first into the latest eruption in the nation's reckoning over racial injustice with a trip Tuesday to Kenosha, Wisconsin, over the objections of local leaders.

The city has been riven by protests since the Aug. 23 shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man hit seven times in the back by police. On the eve of his visit, Trump defended a teenage supporter accused of fatally shooting two men in Kenosha last week and accused Democrat Joe Biden of siding with "anarchists" and "rioters" in the unrest.

Wisconsin's Democratic governor, Tony Evers, who deployed the National Guard to quell demonstrations in response to the Blake shooting, pleaded with Trump to stay away for fear of straining tensions further. The White House said the president was expected to meet with law enforcement and tour "property affected by recent riots."

"I am concerned your presence will only hinder our healing," Evers wrote in a letter to Trump. "I am concerned your presence will only delay our work to overcome division and move forward together."

Trump, claiming the mantle of the "law and order" candidate, is offering himself as the leader best positioned to keep Americans safe. Biden, in turn, has assailed him over the deadly protests that have sprung up on his watch.

Trump insisted his appearance in Kenosha could "increase enthusiasm" in Wisconsin, perhaps the most hotly contested battleground state in the presidential race, as the White House said he "wants to visit hurting Americans." He was expected to take credit for calling in the National Guard — an act taken by Evers — and for surging federal law enforcement to the city to restore the peace. The White House said Trump was not going to meet with Blake's family.

"I am a tremendous fan of law enforcement and I want to thank law enforcement," Trump told *Fox News* in an interview Monday night. "They've done a good job." Trump suggested that some police officers "choke" when faced with challenging situations and compared them to golfers who "miss a 3-foot putt."

Biden, in his most direct attacks yet, accused Trump earlier on Monday of causing the divisions that have ignited the violence. He delivered an uncharacteristically blistering speech in Pittsburgh and distanced himself from radical forces involved in altercations.

Biden said of Trump: "He doesn't want to shed light, he wants to generate heat, and he's stoking violence in our cities. He can't stop the violence because for years he's fomented it."

Trump, for his part, reiterated that he blames radical troublemakers stirred up and backed by Biden. *AP*

Don goes dark in TV ad battle

Donald Trump has pulled most of his advertising from TV over the past week, ceding the airwaves to Democratic rival Joe Biden

POLITICAL AD BUYS THIS WEEK

$18.3 mn
Joe Biden
Vs
$1.6 mn
Donald Trump

WHY DOES THIS MATTER

It is unusual for a White House contender to go mostly dark on TV the week after their presidential convention

2 months

The election is just over two months away and voting will start in Sep in some states. In Aug, Biden doubled what Trump spent, dropping about $80 mn in key states

Black ex-franchisee owners sue McDonald's for bias

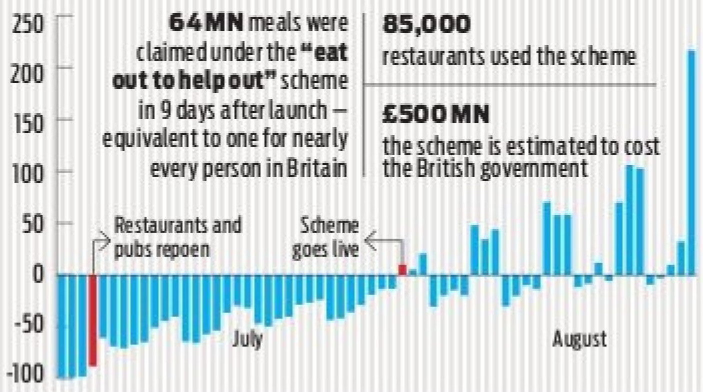
More than 50 Black former McDonald's franchise owners are suing the burger chain, saying the company steered them to less-profitable restaurants and didn't give them the same support and opportunities given white franchisees. The 52 plaintiffs, who owned around 200 U.S. stores before being forced to sell them over the last decade, are seeking compensation of $4 million to $5 million per store, as per the lawsuit.

Dining on the UK govt dime

The novel government subsidy introduced by the UK's Chancellor Rishi Sunak (pictured) to get Britons to eat out — and thereby save hospitality jobs during Covid-19 — has proven to be a tremendous success for restaurants. We take a look

EVERYONE LOVES A DISCOUNT

% daily change from last year in people eating at restaurants, measured by reservations made by phone, online & walk-ins



64 MN meals were claimed under the **"eat out to help out"** scheme in 9 days after launch — equivalent to one for nearly every person in Britain

85,000 restaurants used the scheme

£500 MN the scheme is estimated to cost the British government

WHAT'S THE SUBSIDY

Sitting customers can receive a **50% discount** on food and non-alcoholic drinks at participating restaurants between Monday and Wednesday up to 10 pounds

Food outlets from Michelin-starred outlets to international burger chains can then get the discount reimbursed by the government within five days

This makes the customers come out. So they may start coming out during the weekends. They are a bit more confident to go out to restaurants. I really appreciate this — it did a great job

Musthafa Kunnummal, assistant manager at south Indian vegetarian restaurant Rasa in north London, told the *AP* more than a week ago

French satirical weekly *Charlie Hebdo* republishes controversial Mohammed caricatures prior to trial

PARIS

FRENCH satirical weekly *Charlie Hebdo*, the target of a massacre by Islamist gunmen in 2015, said on Tuesday it was republishing hugely controversial cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed to mark this week's start of the trial of alleged accomplices to the attack.

"We will never lie down. We will never give up," director Laurent "Riss" Sourisseau wrote in an editorial to go with the cartoons in the latest edition. "The hatred that struck us is still there and, since 2015, it has taken the time to mutate, to change its appearance, to go unnoticed and to quietly continue its ruthless crusade."

Twelve people, including some of France's most celebrated cartoonists, were killed on January 7, 2015, when brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi went on a gun rampage at the paper's offices in Paris. The perpetrators were killed in the wake of the massacre but 14 alleged accomplices in the attacks, which also targeted a Jewish supermarket, will go on trial in Paris on Wednesday.

The latest *Charlie Hebdo* cover shows a dozen cartoons first published by the Danish daily Jyllands-Posten in 2005 -- and then reprinted by the French weekly in 2006, unleashing a storm of anger across the Muslim world.

In the centre of the cover is a cartoon of the prophet drawn by cartoonist Jean Cabut, known as Cabu, who lost his life in the massacre. "All of this, just for that," the front-page headline says. *AFP*

In this Jan 7, 2015 file photo, an injured person is transported to an ambulance after a shooting at the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo's office in Paris | AP

Government of Karnataka
(Ports & Inland Water Transport Department)
Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport, Baithkol, Karwar- 581302
No.PIWT-84/WKS-II/2019 Date: 27.08.2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (2nd Call)

Quotations are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka from registered and reputed Companies/firms, to carry out the **"Geophysical survey work at Karwar Port for 2nd Stage Development"**.

Description: (1) Side Scan Sonar Survey: The side scan sonar survey (Freq: 100 Khz/500 Khz or 100 Khz/300 Khz) shall determine sea bed morphology and also detect objects on the sea bed. The equipment shall be capable of identifying discrete objects or features with a relief of <0.5m. The survey shall run to give 200% coverage (100% overlap). **Unit:** Sqm, **Qty.:** 15,00,000.00 (Approx.), **Rate per Sqm (Excluding GST):** Fig .... Words ....
(2) Sub Bottom Profiling Survey: Sub bottom profiling (Freq. 305KHz/12 Khz.), to be carried out to determine the sub seabed conditions and to identify any possible large obtrusions/rocks/hard formations. The maximum profile spacing shall be no more than 50 meters. Digital data acquisition and processing shall be carried out by DELPH or CODA or similar software system. The system shall give a minimum penetration of 10m from seabed. **Unit:** Sqm, **Qty.:** 15,00,000.00 (Approx.), **Rate per Sqm (Excluding GST):** Fig .... Words ....

Submit your most competitive rates for providing the above-mentioned services through e-procurement portal and confirmation copy through post/courier to undersigned with all techno-commercial details on or before **10.09.2020**. This rate quotation is purely for budgetary estimation purpose. The quoted rates should be inclusive of all prevailing charges like port fees, duties, taxes etc., but excluding GST.
For any other information contact the following address
(1) E-mail: piwtdev.wks@gmail.com (2) Phone/ Fax No.: 08382-221494/221035 (3) Fax No: 08382-228918

Sd/- Port Engineer,
Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport, Karwar.
DIPR/ADK/MCA/307/20-21 dt. 31.8.20

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Office of the, Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari
No.PWD/EE/Bly/TS-4/1789//2020-21 Date : 31-08-2020

Brief Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Bellary invites the tenders for the work detailed below from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through e-procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded from the web-site **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in e-procurement portal

(1) Details of Work : **5054-(Plan)-Improvements to MDRs : KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT126307 (2)** Amount put to Tender (Rs, in Lakhs) : **392.96/-**

The Tender Events are as under:

(a) Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal): **11-09-2020 upto 12.00 Hours (b)** Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal **19-09-2020 upto 16.00 Hours (c)** Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **21-09-2020 at 11.00 Hours** in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWP & IWTD Division, Ballari

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Ballari.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಸಿ/148/2020–21

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project-Mahadevapura, Old Madras Road, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru - 560 036.
No.: BBMP/EE(P)/MZ/TN/06/2020-21 Date: 31-08-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Single Cover Tender) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Project-Mahadevapura), BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites Item Rate tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs)
1	Comprehensive Development of the park and road around the park near Indira Canteen, Alpine Eco road Ward No.85 Doddanekkundi	50.00	1,00,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **05.09.2020. (2)** Last date for tender Queries/Clarifications : **16.09.2020 at 5.00 PM. (3)** Last date and time for receipt of Tenders: **16.09.2020 upto 5.00 PM. (4)** Date of Opening Tender : **18.09.2020 at 11.00 PM.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project-Mahadevapura

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For further details please visit **www.apeprocurement.gov.in**
Phone No.: 0891-2582302/3/4, Email: cgm_pmm@apeasternpower.com
Advt-55 **Chief General Manager (P & MM)**

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ಬಡೇಕಮಾನ ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಿಜಯಪೂರ–586101
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ಸಂ.ಕಾನಿಇಂಯೋವಿವಿಜಯಪುರ:ಪಿಬಿ:ಟೆಂಡರ:ಅಆಅ/NGNRY/TND/2020–21/507 ದಿನಾಂಕ:29.08.2020

–: ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:–
(ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ ವಿಜಯಪುರ ದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಗ್ರಾಮ ನಮ್ಮ ರಸ್ತೆ (ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ) ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮುದ್ದೇಬಿಹಾಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ 1)ಇಂಗಳಗೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಮುದ್ದೇಬಿಹಾಳ ತಾಳಿಕೋಟೆ ಕೂಡುರಸ್ತೆ2) ಚೊಂಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಕೂಡುರಸ್ತೆ 3)ಅಬ್ಬಿಹಾಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಮುದ್ದೇಬಿಹಾಳ ತಾಳಿಕೋಟೆ ಕೂಡುರಸ್ತೆ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ 6 ನೇ ವರ್ಷದ ನವೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂ ರೇಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.350.09 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.ಗಳು

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SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
Roc. No . SSCL/ 9670/2019 Date : 01.09.2020

I	Preparation of Detailed Project report for Development of Smart Underground & Multi Level Automatic Car Parking at Hanging Garden Marriage Hall in Salem Smart City Limited.
II	Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
III	**Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures.** Submission of bids - **18.09.2020 upto 3.00 P.M** Opening of bids - **18.09.2020 at 3.30 P.M**

DIPR/3283/TENDER/2020 **Commissioner, Salem Corporation**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION-II, NABARANGAPUR, UMERKOTE
E-mail: eerwukt@gmail.com, eerwukt@ymail.com
e-Procurement Notice
O-302 Identification No Online Tender / 11/RWD-UKT/2020-21
Letter No.2528 Date: 31.08.2020

01. Name of the work :: Road Works.
02. Total Number of works :: 3 Nos ..
03. Estimated cost :: Varies from 118.77 Lakhs to 150.07 Lakhs.
04. Class of Contractor :: "A" and "B"
05. Period of Completion :: As perTCN
06. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Executive Engineer, R.W.Division-II, Nabarangpur, Umerkote.	Online Tender/ 11/ RWD-UKT /2020-21	07.09.2020 At 11:00 AM	18.09.2020 At 05:00 PM	16.09.2020 At 01.00 PM	21.09.2020 At 11:00 AM	To be intimated to the Qualified Bidder

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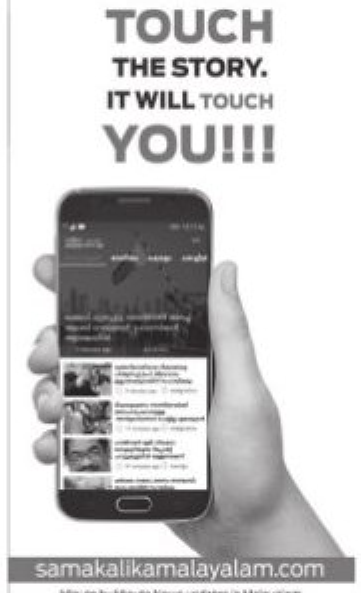

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TENDER NOTICE
Roc.No.6209 /2018/S1 Date : 01.09.2020

The Commissioner, Vellore Corporation invites tenders in two cover system for the following works as per the conditions laid down in the tender notice published in website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

1	Name of the Work (Smart City Mission)	Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs	EMD Cost Rs.	Period for Completion
i	Providing Smart Roads at Vasanthapuram Main Road & Kanar Road (Upto ROB Approach) Vasanthapuram Subramaniya Iyar Road, Vasanthapuram 1st Cross Street (North and South) under Corporation Maintained Roads in Vellore Smart City	1400.00	14,00,000/-	12-Months
ii	Providing Smart roads at OASIS 1st and 5th Cross Street, Rangapuram Phase IV under Corporation Maintained Roads in Vellore Smart City	950.00	9,50,000/-	12-Months
iii	Providing Smart Roads at Double Road, Nethaji Boss Road Upto NH Service Road under Corporation Maintained Roads in Vellore Smart City	1150.00	11,50,000/-	12-Months
iv	Providing Smart Roads at Palar Bridge Slip Road including Approach Bridge under Corporation Maintained Roads in Vellore Smart City	1200.00	12,00,000/-	12-Months
v	Providing Smart Roads at Sathuvachari 1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd street and Collector Road in Vellore Smart City	909.00	9,09,000	12-Months
vi	Providing Smart Roads at Sathuvachari Thandumariamman Koil Street Part-1 in Vellore Smart City	1278.00	12,78,000/-	12-Months
vii	Providing Smart Roads at Sathuvachari Thandumariamman Koil Street part-2, Vivekanandha 2nd Street, Vivekanandha 3rd Street, Middle Street 1st West Cross Street, 2nd West Cross Street, West Cross Street in Vellore Smart City	1204.00	12,04,000/-	12-Months
2	Pre-Bid Conference	15.09.2020 at 11.00am at The Chamber of City Engineer Vellore Corporation.		
3	Date of time and venue of Tender	07.10.2020 Wednesday 3.00 p.m. at Vellore Corporation		
4	Date, Time and Venue of opening	07.10.2020 Wednesday 3.30 p.m. at Vellore Corporation Office		
5	Tender document availability and other details	Other Details can be obtained from the tender notice published in website https://tntenders.gov.in or from Vellore Corporation Office, Engineering section during working hours on all working days.		

For contact : 0416 - 2220578 DIPR/3281/TENDER/2020 Commissioner, Vellore Corporation

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS - ITEM WAR (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

IFB No.	08 / NLC - CWSS Pkgl – 2nd call / DO / CE / VLR / 2020 / Dated: 28.08.2020
Name of Work	Providing CWSS to Thittakudi, Pennadam, Mangalampettai, Vadalur, Kurinjipadi and Gangaikondan, Town Panchayats and 625 rural habitations in Mangalore, Nallur and Virudhachalam, Unions of Cuddalore District with NLC Mine Water as source. Period of Completion - 18 Months, Trial run - 6 Months and paid maintenance of the scheme - 60 Months. - **Package I – 2nd call**
Approximate value of work	Rs. 52.70 Crore
Bid security	Rs. 39.60 Lakhs
Eligible class	Class I
Tender invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Vellore – 632006.
Sale of Bid & place of sale	From **02.09.2020 to 28.09.2020** Bid document may be purchased by remitting an amount of Rs. 1000 + GST from the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Water tank compound, e mapper, Kallakurichi – 606 202. If bid documents are required by post an amount of Rs.500/- to be paid additionally.
Website downloading at free of cost	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in

1.	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	16.09.2020 at 11.00 AM
2.	Last date and time of downloading bid document	28.09.2020 upto 5.45 P.M
3.	Last date and time for receipt of bid document	30.09.2020 upto 3.00 P.M
4.	Date and time for opening of Technical bid	30.09.2020 at 3.30 P.M

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CPPP Tender ID: **2020_DARE_580740_1** for procurement of
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Market Watch

MARKET			SILVER			FOREX		
272.51	Sensex	38,900.8	₹3,100	Per kg	₹69,500	Dollar	72.87
82.75	Nifty	11,470.25	₹3.1	Per gm	₹69.5	Euro	87.23

GST collections remain subdued

Centre and states have been locked in a tussle for GST compensation in the current year

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TAX REVENUE LAGS BEHIND

₹86,449 cr	₹87,442 cr	88%
GST collection in the month of August 2020	GST collection in the month of July 2020	GST collection compared to August 2019

AMIDST escalated tensions between the Centre and states over GST compensation, data released on Tuesday showed that GST collections are still struggling to reach pre-Covid levels. Total GST receipts for the month of August stood at ₹86,449 crore, just 88 per cent of collection in the same month last year. Total GST receipts had stood at ₹87,442 crore in the month of July.

According to the official data, Central GST stands at ₹15,906 crore and State GST at ₹21,064 crore. IGST collections stood at ₹42,264 crore including ₹19,179 crore collected on the import of goods. Total Cess collection, meanwhile was ₹7,215 crore, including ₹673 crore collected on import of goods. "The government has settled ₹18,216 crore to CGST and ₹14,650 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of August, 2020 is ₹34,122 crore for CGST and ₹35,714 crore for the SGST," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry also highlighted that the taxpayers with turnover of less than ₹5 crore continue to enjoy relaxations with regards to the filing of returns till September.

The numbers come at a time when the shortfall in collection, estimated at ₹3 lakh crore, is threatening to escalate tensions between Centre and states

Poor cess collections and a fall in revenue is causing delays in transferring the compensation owed to states under the GST laws, and even regular IGST revenue shares. With Covid-19 cases rising steadily and their own revenue drying up, the states say that they have been left with little resources, leaving them at the mercy of Centre to manage expenses arising due to the pandemic.

However, analysts expect the situation to improve going forward. PwC Leader (Indirect Tax) Pratik Jain said the trend in the last couple of months seem to have stabilised at around 10 per cent lower than corresponding month last year. "As things are opening up gradually, the collection is likely to be progressively better in coming months," he pointed out.

Vodafone Idea gets a lifeline, but faces tough road ahead

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court decision on Monday to allow telecom companies 10 years to pay their remaining AGR dues has thrown out a lifeline to beleaguered Vodafone Idea (VIL)—but a rather thin one. On the positive side, the keenly awaited verdict removes the fog of uncertainty surrounding the telecom sector, and liable firms such as Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel can now plan their future finances around a staggered payment schedule instead of facing a very difficult one-shot payment.

But the verdict is not equally positive for all the parties concerned. The way share prices behaved after the verdict show what investors think Bharti Airtel's and Vodafone Idea's prospects are. VIL stock ended the day down by 12.76% and Airtel up by 6.4%. According to the final verdict, Vodafone Idea has to pay dues worth ₹51,200 crore, rival Bharti Airtel ₹25,900 crore, and Tata group ₹12,600 crore. The SC bench has allowed the companies to pay this over ten years in yearly instalments.

Compared to a one-shot payment, as the court had initially ordered last year, the ten-year time frame will come as a relief. Analysts had long warned that VIL was facing near-certain insolvency if required to pay the full amount at once. But while VIL is no longer be staring at an immediate insolvency, experts also note that there is no guarantee it will not face such a fate down the road—one that promises to be quite tough.

According to a Motilal Oswal research note released ahead of the verdict, a ten year period would require VIL to pay over ₹7,500 crore annually. This against Airtel's ₹3,900 crore and Reliance Jio's nil outgo.

Vodafone Idea's problem is that it is short on cash and has been facing an erosion in earnings due to a fast falling subscriber base and provisions for legal liabilities such as AGR. VIL had a cash balance of just ₹3,450 crore as of the end of June this year.

Going forward, Vodafone Idea will have no choice but to hike prices significantly if it is to earn enough to meet an annual AGR outgo, investment in critical network infrastructure, and 5G spectrum. Nitesh Jain, Director, CRISIL Ratings says that "the affected telcos need to hike their tariffs by ₹20-30 per month to cover for the AGR dues alone."

This would make life quite difficult in a highly competitive industry which had just halted a bruising price war late last year. "The decision of the Supreme Court to reduce the repayment period for the AGR dues from 20 years to 10 years is likely to cause financial stress to both Vodafone Idea and Airtel, since both had sought 15 years," says Akash Karmakar, partner, Law offices of Panag and Babu.

GREEN SHOOTS

Manufacturing PMI index turns positive

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for August has come in at 52, entering the positive zone for the first time since March, driven by greater client demand signalling some recovery. The index was 46 in the month of July.

In the PMI parlance, an index value above 50 is considered as growth, while below 50 indicates contraction.

"The upturn was led by an improvement in customer demand as client businesses reopened, after lockdown restrictions eased amid the COVID-19 pandemic," IHS Markit said.

According to the survey report which was released on Tuesday, new orders expanded at the fastest pace since February—recording a 21-month high. However, demand from overseas clients remain subdued. The report also pointed out that higher raw material costs due to supplier shortages and transportation delays stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, resulted in rising input prices during August.

Supply chains remained disrupted for sixth months in a row, with firms citing transportation restrictions, supplier delays and capacity pressures as the main drivers of lengthening delivery times.

The survey also noted that despite improvement in demand, contraction in workforce remained strong overall. Going forward, Indian manufacturers remained optimistic for the next 12 months.

Small cars drive growth as Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai record better sales

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TWO top carmakers- Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) and Hyundai Motor (HMIL) and Country's largest two-wheeler maker-Hero MotoCorp on Monday reported stellar year-on-year growth in August sales figures. Experts had earlier expected OEMs to post growth figures for August owing to good demand, good supply, low inventory and a low base.

MSIL witnessed a 21 per cent jump in its August domestic passenger vehicle (PV) sales (excluding OEMs) to 113,033 units as against 93,173 sold in the same month last year. Segment-wise, sales of MSIL's entry level models-Alto and S-Presso grew by 94.7 per cent y-o-y to 19,709 units last month.

Experts said demand for smaller cars and two-wheelers will continue to remain high as more and more people are opting for personal mobility over public transport amidst coronavirus outbreak.

Hyundai registered 19.9 per cent y-o-y growth in its domestic sales at 45,809. Tarun Garg, Director (Sales, Marketing & Service), at HMIL said, "We would like to carry on with cautious optimism as uncertainty still surrounds the pandemic."

Hero MotorCorp sold a total of 584,456 units of motorcycles and scooters in August 2020, a growth of 7.55 per cent y-o-y. Hero said it cautiously anticipates sales to continue their upward trajectory with favorable factors such as the upcoming festive season, increasing consumer confidence and continued government policy support.

> **We registered domestic sales volume of 45,809 units in August with positive growth of 19.9 per cent on a comparative low base of last year**
>
> HMIL Director (Sales, Marketing and Service) Tarun Garg

Chennai based TVS Motor reported sales of 218,338 units in August 2020 as against 219,528 units in August 2019, while niche bikemaker Royal Enfield reported 2 per cent dip in sales at 47,571 units.

Mahindra & Mahindra's PV sales grew by 1 per cent to 13,651 units. Kia Motors also witnessed recovery in the Indian car market and sold 10,845 unit last month.

Demand for tractors hits the high band

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

DRIVEN by bountiful monsoons, robust Kharif sowing and good cash flow in the hands of farmers, the tractor industry has reported a significant rise in sales in the month of August.

Tractor makers have been reporting good sales in the past few months and showing signs of recovery. However, in August, growth has hit a faster band. Two major tractor manufacturers—Escorts and Mahindra & Mahindra—have reported 80 per cent and 69 per cent growth in sales year-on-year.

Escorts sold 7,268 tractors, its highest-ever August sales. Its domestic tractor sales stood at 6,750 tractors against 3,763 in August 2019. Exports witnessed a 90.4 per cent growth.

Similarly, Mahindra & Mahindra's tractor segment reported a strong growth in August 2020. The company sold 23,503 tractors in August this year against 13,871 tractors in August 2019.

"We remain optimistic for the coming festive months. Market sentiment continues to be highly positive and the supply side has improved significantly as compared to last month," said Escorts in a statement. Mahindra and Mahindra authorities agreed and said that the company is expecting the positive rural sentiment to be translated into robust tractor demand in the next few months.

Retail credit growth bounces back, but still lower than pre-Covid

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

RETAIL loan growth, which had seen a dramatic decline, now appears to be making a recovery. In July, the segment registered a growth of 11.2 per cent (it was slowest in a year in June at 10.5 per cent), according to RBI's monthly data release.

In absolute numbers, it rose to ₹25.3 lakh crore during the month against ₹24.9 lakh crore in the same period of the corresponding year. The gradual unlocking of economic activities has also seen the month-on-month growth inching up 1.6 per cent in July (the highest since February).

Within retail, segments such as credit card debt (7.9% YoY) vehicle loans (8.1%) and other personal loans (13.3%) drove this recovery. In fact, consumer durables registered a 62.3 per cent growth vs degrowth of 72.5 per cent in July last year. However, education loans registered a degrowth of 3.8 per cent compared to a decline of 1.8 per cent a year ago. Similarly, housing loans slowed to 12.3 per cent this year in July as compared with 19.2 per cent in July 2019. In July 2020, housing loans accounted for 53 per cent of retail loans.

However, retail credit growth is still lower than over the last two years, when it had been in the range of 15-20 per cent. In July 2019, y-o-y growth in retail loans was a strong 17 per cent. Slowing growth comes despite a 115 basis points of repo cut since the lockdown began.

A slowing economy, further battered by the outbreak of the pandemic, has dragged down consumption. The demand shock has been caused because incomes have shrunk and thousands of jobs lost across sectors. "...banks also continue to remain risk averse, despite availability of ample liquidity, due to the Covid-led uncertainty contributing to weak credit pick-up. We expect overall credit growth to remain slower in the near term as banks are selective in giving fresh loans due to asset quality concerns," said Sanjay Agarwal, Sr Director, Care Ratings.

Credit growth rises

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹218.1

Target Price ₹285

SBI

Among PSU banks, SBIN remains the best play on the gradual recovery in the Indian economy, with a healthy PCR of 67% , robust capitalization, strong liability franchise and improved core operating profitability. We estimate earnings to grow at a CAGR of 21%.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Zoom revenue surges 355% in May-Jul 2020

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

VIRTUAL meeting platform Zoom has reported a massive 355 per cent YoY surge in revenues at$ 663.5 million for the quarter ended July 2020.

The company said that it expects its total revenue for FY21 to be in the range of $2.37 billion and $2.39 billion. The number of customers with more than 10 employees was reported to be 370,200, a 458 per cent YoY increase. The Nasdaq listed company's stock surged 24 per cent hours after it announced the quarterly results.

Zoom's founder and CEO, Eric S Yuan said that organizations are shifting from addressing their immediate business continuity needs to supporting a future of working anywhere, learning anywhere, and connecting anywhere on Zoom's video-first platform.

"Our ability to keep people around the world connected, coupled with our strong execution, led to revenue growth of 355% year-over-year in Q2 and enabled us to increase our revenue outlook to approximately $2.37 billion to $2.39 billion for FY21, or 281 per cent to 284 per cent increase year-over-year," he added. Zoom's popularity and reach despite competition from the world's largest companies has remained unmatched.

EXPRESS READ

Indian Bank cuts one-year MCLR rate

New Delhi: State-owned lender Indian Bank on Tuesday announced a cut of 5 basis points in its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) for one-year tenure. The bank has decided to reduce the MCLR for one-year tenure by 5 basis points to 7.30 per cent effective from September 3, 2020, Indian Bank said in a regulatory filing. All new retail loans (housing, education, vehicle), credit to MSMEs are linked to RLLR now.

Banks have to be prudential: SBI MD

New Delhi: The banking system cannot be "reckless" in lending and repeat the mistakes of the past, a senior official from SBI said on Tuesday. Arijit Basu, a managing director at the country's largest lender, also said banks will respond to the COVID-19 challenge and "reach out" to the customers. The comments come days after Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das had asked banks to be more forthcoming on lending.

Power consumption level almost back to normal

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THE slump in overall power consumption has narrowed to just 0.85 per cent in August at 110.57 billion units (BU) amid considerable rise in economic activities and raised hopes that it would surpass normal level this month.

Power consumption in August last year was at 111.52 BU, as per power ministry data. As per the data, power consumption has improved especially in the month of August after the government started giving relaxations for economic activities and following the onset of summer.

The government had imposed lockdown to contain COVID-19 on March 25, 2020 which affected commercial and industrial electricity demand as well as consumption.

In July, the slump in power consumption had narrowed to 3.6 per cent at 112.24 BU, as compared to 116.48 BU in the same month last year.

Power consumption in June had declined by 10.93 per cent to 105.08 BU, as compared to 117.98 BU in the same month last year.

Similarly, power consumption in the country was down by 14.86 per cent in May and 23.21 per cent April this year.

Experts said, the government's continuous focus on boosting economic activities through easing lockdown restrictions would pay dividends and the power consumption may cross normal levels (recorded in September last year) this month. Meanwhile, peak power demand was 167.49 GW in August, down by 5.65% from last year.

H-1B VISA

Infosys plans to hire 12,000 workers in the US by 2022

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services giant Infosys will hire 12,000 more American workers by 2022 as a part of the firm's commitment to create 25,000 employment opportunities in the US in next five years. The company said that it will target experienced technology professionals as well as recent graduates from major universities, liberal arts colleges, and community colleges to create the best workforce for the future.

"Utilizing the training and reskilling programs it has built with partners, including the recently launched Reskill and Restart initiative, Infosys will prepare workers for 21st-century careers," Infosys said in a statement.

The announcement comes at a time when Infosys topped the list of IT service providers whose H1-B visa applications were rejected by the US government in FY20. According to the recent US government statistics, the rejection rate of Infosys's H1-B visa applications stood at 59 per cent, the highest among its peers. In June 2020, US President Donald Trump signed an executive order banning the entry of non-immigrant visa holders including H1-B into the US when unemployment had soared to record levels. Many Indian IT service majors have picked up their local hirings in the US amidst the stricter visa regimes and are now substantially less reliant on the H1-B visa hires.

In 2017, Infosys committed to hiring 10,000 American workers over two years and has exceeded that goal.

India among large emerging mkt sovereigns with high debt

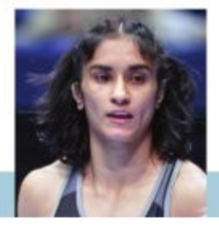
ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MOODY'S Investors Service on Tuesday said India will be among the large emerging market sovereigns to have highest debt burden by 2021.

The coronavirus pandemic-induced deterioration in growth and fiscal dynamics will leave most large emerging market sovereigns with higher debt burdens over the next few years, it said.

We expect government debt in the large emerging market sovereigns to rise by almost 10 percentage points of GDP on average by the end of 2021 from 2019 levels, driven primarily by wider primary deficits, although some are likely to see higher interest payments contributing to higher debt, Moody's said.

Wrestler Vinesh tests negative



Woman wrestler Vinesh Phogat tested negative for Covid-19 on Tuesday. The Khel Ratna winner underwent a second test on Monday after testing positive for the virus a day before the National Sports Awards on August 29. Her coach, Om Prakash Dahiya, however, is expected to receive the result on Wednesday.

Difficult but got used to quarantine, says Satwik

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

THE worst fears had come true for shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy recently. The doubles specialist had become one of the first elite shuttlers to test positive for coronavirus. It was out of the blue as Satwik — who had been hand-picked for the renowned Arjuna Award — was expected to attend the virtual national awards function in Hyderabad. The 20-year-old, who's currently cooped up in his room at his home in Amalapuram (Andhra Pradesh), had intentions to rejoin the national camp in the aforementioned city after the function. But after contracting the virus, those plans have been put on hold. Satwik, who's asymptomatic, said he's coping well. Excerpts:

On testing positive
It was shocking to me. I didn't think I'll get it. I have no symptoms. My parents are really old and as a precautionary measure, I'm staying away from them. I have been locked up in my room at my home. They bring food for me at my doorstep.

On how he has coped so far
To stay at home is a difficult task. I have always been an outdoor person, so this is something new. The first two days were really tough. I didn't know what to do. Then I had the other remaining days (14 days mandatory quarantine) at the back of my mind. That was taxing. Now, I'm doing fine. The only physical activity I can do is stretching. I have taken this setback in stride from the word go. I have asked my cousins and friends to stay away.

Q&A

On application for Arjuna Award
Last year, senior pro B Sai Praneeth had asked 'why didn't we apply?'. I had told him we haven't done well in any tournament of relevance. Also, I was thinking if I applied and I won, what would Chirag (Shetty) think?. I was not sure if I'd win but many people were asking me to apply this time. I was saying 'no, no' to everyone. I just felt, if I applied for myself and won, it would be unfair on Chirag. One day, Chirag called and told me he has applied and suggested me to apply too. We came to an agreement that we'll have no hard feelings if either of us missed out. Luckily, we both won... I was delighted.

On winning the award
There was zero plan and the Olympics is next year. We have had no proper practice so far. So, it has been challenging on the mental front. This award could not come at a better time.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Now, 400m coach Galina set to go on leave

CHENNAI: Another foreign athletics coach is set to go on leave during Covid-19. And this time, it is 400m coach Galina Bukharina who is expected to leave for the US on September 4 for almost a month. It is learnt that the 75-year-old is leaving because of medical reason involving her family in the US. She will return by October first week. Galina would be the third foreign coach to leave India.

Novak Djokovic overcame Damir Dzumhur 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 in just under two hours on Monday | AP

USUAL ROUND

Top seeds including Novak Djokovic overcame eerily quiet stands as a "weird," spectator-free US Open started Monday with heightened safety protocols for some players following a positive Covid-19 test. Several competitors were placed in what one of them described as a "bubble within a bubble" after France's Benoit Paire was withdrawn from the men's draw Sunday for testing positive for coronavirus.

NAGAL IN ROUND 2

India's Sumit Nagal marched into the second round of US Open on Tuesday after beating USA's Bradley Klahn 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

PLATFORM FOR ACTIVISM

Osaka arrived on court wearing a face mask bearing the name of Breonna Taylor, the African-American nurse shot dead by police in Kentucky in March. Osaka hopes to have honored the memory of six other victims of racial injustice.

SELECT RESULTS

RD 1: Men: Djokovic (SRB x1) bt Dzumhur (BIH) 6-1, 6-4, 6-1; Shapovalov (CAN x12) bt Korda (USA) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Tsitsipas (GRE x4) bt Ramos (ESP) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; Zverev (GER x5) bt Anderson (RSA) 7-6 (7/2), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. **Women:** Osaka (JPN x4) bt Doi (JPN) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Sevastova (LAT x31) bt Gauff (USA) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; Riske (USA x13) bt Maria (GER) 6-3, 6-2; Kvitova (CZE x6) bt Begu (ROU) 6-3, 6-2.

Barring 13, all CSK members test negative

Upon clearing another round of examination, Dhoni & Co will be allowed to resume training from Friday

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

AFTER an unpleasant start to their IPL campaign, there is good news brewing in the Chennai Super Kings camp. All the members of their touring contingent — barring the 13 who are infected by Covid-19 — have tested negative in the first of the additional tests conducted on Monday. If they clear another additional test, they will be allowed to resume training from September 4. Chennai will also feature in the warm-up fixtures, which the BCCI is giving serious thoughts to, after several franchises requested for one.

"All of us have cleared the tests. There is another lined up two days later," CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan told this newspaper. The additional tests are mandatory as per the standard operating procedures (SOP) put in place by the BCCI, following several members of their touring contingent — including two players — had tested Covid-19 positive.

Though those who tested positive continue to remain under medical care in a different location, Viswanathan revealed that they are responding well to the treatment. "Everyone is doing fine. We are getting regular updates and they are responding well. They have three tests lined up under their two-week quarantine period. They will have a test on the 10th day, followed by back-to-back ones on Day 13 and 14," Viswanathan added.

Once those results come back negative, they will have to undergo two more additional tests in space of a week before being allowed to join the rest of the squad in the bio-secure bubble. With regards to the two players who tested positive, they will be subjected to cardiac tests as mentioned in the SOP and only after the BCCI medical team clears them, will they be allowed to resume training. "They will have separate procedures to follow and once they clear those, the two will resume training," Viswanathan said.

Meanwhile, it's learnt that BCCI has informed franchises that they are working out the possibility of hosting a few practice games, provided the logistics work out. Not all the eight franchises are on board to play these warm-up fixtures, but have informed the BCCI that they will give it a thought.

Although it is not clear how many matches each team will play, the BCCI believes that it should be a level-playing field. They have informed the franchises that the board won't stand their way if they wish to play a warm-up. The BCCI has also said that they won't force any team. "If the BCCI gets in, then it has to be a level-playing field. Since none of them has committed to it on paper like in case of ICC events, the BCCI can't make it mandatory. Some franchises might have their own plans for preparation. Though the majority of the franchises have asked, not everyone has asked for one," an official involved told this daily.

Though warm-up fixtures in ICC events are televised, it is not clear whether Star Sports will telecast these matches. Since the dates for these warm-up games are also not yet out, there are other complications involved if the matches are being broadcast. For starters, Star has to advance the trip of all the commentators as they are scheduled to travel only by September 11, keeping in mind the six-day quarantine rule. Even the television crew's dates have to be altered.

Zampa could prove to be key for RCB, says former India player

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THE conditions in the United Arab Emirates will favour spinners in IPL 2020. The Royal Challengers Bangalore had pinned their hopes on Yuzvendra Chahal, with no quality back-up to the India leg-spinner. However, things changed when RCB opted for Australia's Adam Zampa as Kane Richardson's replacement for this edition on Monday. The latter pulled out as he is expecting birth of his first child.

The inclusion of Zampa, alongside Chahal and all-rounders Moeen Ali, Washington Sundar, makes them a better spin unit. But with just four foreigners allowed in the playing XI, getting the right team combination will be a tricky affair. AB de Villiers and Aaron Finch are immediate picks, and there could be a scenario where only one — Chris Morris or Moeen Ali — could feature if Zampa is required to play. However, team director Mike Hesson has stated that Zampa is a 'cover for Chahal and also gives extra options'.

Ali proved to be an important asset last season, more so with the bat while Bangalore signed all-rounder Morris for ₹10 crore in the auction. They also have Dale Steyn as one of their foreign pacers. "Picking the playing XI is going to be tricky for RCB. They will take into account the nature of the pitches too," former India player Vijay Bharadwaj told this daily.

"Zampa and Chahal are a luxury for Kohli and if I were him, I would play both. Zampa is a real talent to have in the team, especially if you can have Chahal at one end and Zampa from the other."

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(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
SF-4 & SF-5, Sterling Towers (Garment Complex), KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Rajajinagar, Banglaore-560010
Ph: 080 - 23105866 / 23105865

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

Tender invited for Services: 1. Renting of Coir Production Centres and 2. Investment of Surplus Funds as Fixed Deposits by the Corporation with Public Sector Banks/Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Banks. The tender details will also be available in KSCDC website:www.karnatakacoir.co.in. For more information, logon to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Helpdesk: 080-25501216/227.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR
K.S.C.D.C. LTD.

Date: 31.08.2020

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No.EO/DB/ Seeds/Hukkeri/2020-21 Date: 02.09.2020

"e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION"-(II nd Call)

Tenders have been re-invited from registered Agencies / firms for Disposal of 108.00 quintal Soybean seeds, at UAS Dharwad. The details of the tender can be had through e-procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** For more details please contact **9448752119** during office hours. Interested agencies need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For details of registration please contact ph. No: 080-23010900.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1)	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications.	08.09.2020	Upto	16.00 Hrs
2)	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders.	11.09.2020	Upto	16.00 Hrs
3)	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid.	12.09.2020	At	16.15 Hrs

Note: The bidders shall get updated / acquainted with ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM (if any) issued on-line from time to time on the e-procurement portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** during the entire tender process.

Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION BOARD
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003
Ph: 080-23349434 Fax: 23347670

No: B5/F.P&S.T/01/2020-21/Call 2 Date: 28.08.2020

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director, Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, hereby invites e-tender from eligible tenderers for "**PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF VARIOUS TYPES OF FORMS, BOOKS, POSTERS, IDENTITY CARDS AND STICKERS etc., FOR S.S.L.C. EXAMINATIONS WORK FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR**" as per KTPP Act-1999, through e-procurement portal only. Tender documents may be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and **www.kseeb.kar.nic.in**. Tender commencement date is **02.09.2020.** Pre–bid meeting is **on 16.09.2020 at. 11.30 a.m.** The last date for submission of tender **is 01.10.2020 at 5.00p.m.** Date of opening Technical bid is **on 05.10.2020 at 11.30a.m.** Date of opening Commercial bid is **on 08.10.2020 at 11.30 a.m.** The approximate value of tender is **Rs.14,67,000/-** (Rs.Fourteen Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Only). The Earnest Money Deposit is **Rs.29,340/-.** Further details may be obtained from KSEEB during office hours.

Sd/- Director(Exams).

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
COIMBATORE HIGHWAYS (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No. 16/ 2020 - 21 / HDO, Dated 01.09.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received up to **21.09.2020, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, Package No.25,26,27 under two cover system and Special Repairs 2020-21, Package No.74, under single cover system** pertaining **Udhagai (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **04.09.2020.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

DIPR/3263/Tender/2020

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
NORTH EASTERN RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KEONJHAR
"e" Procurement Notice for Building Work
Identification No. - Building Online NCB No. 275 for 2020-21
O-306 No. 1517 / Date: 31-08-2020

1. Name of the work : **Construction of Rimuli College at Rimuli in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2020-21.**
2. Total No. of work : **01 No.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.272.28 Lakh**
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) : **'B' Class & 'A' Class** (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities only.
5. Period of completion : **11 (Eleven) Calendar Months**
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, North Eastern Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	**Building Online NCB No. 275**	**Dt.07.09.20 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Dt.22.09.20 up to 3.00 P.M.**	**Dt.21.09.20 up to 3.00 P.M.**	**Dt.23.09.20 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Dt.30.09.20 at 11.00 A.M.**

- **Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- P.K. Misra
Superintending Engineer,
N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar.

OIPR 25048/11/0002/2021

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION
1, NAWAB YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINES, PRAYAGRAJ-211001, FAX No. 0532-2408826, Email : ohe1.core@gmail.com

Tender No. ELCORE-OHE-TSS-GR-308 Closing Date/Time: 12.10.2020 15:00

E-TENDER NOTICE

CAO/RE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No **ELCORE-OHE-TSS-GR-308** Closing Date/Time **12/10/2020 15:00 Hrs**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

1. NIT HEADER

Name of Work	"Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 kV, 50 Hz, Single Phase, AC, Electrification Works including OHE & TSS as Composite Electrical Work" in **Lumding (Excl)-Badarpur** Single Line Section **Gr. 308** of **Lumding** Division of **Northeast Frontier Railway** under RE Project **New Jalpaigudi**, Total 171 RKM/225 TKM		
Bidding type	Two Stage Reverse Auction		
Tender Type	Open	**Bidding System**	**Two** Packet System
Tender Closing Date Time	12.10.2020 15:00	**Date Time Of Uploading Tender**	01.09.2020 12:36
Pre-Bid Required	No	**Pre-Bid Query Date Time**	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	712373675.71	**Tendering Section**	OHE
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule Item	**Bidding Unit**	
Earnest Money (Rs.)	3711900.00	**Validity of Offer (Days)**	60
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	0.00	**Period of Completion**	18 Months
Contract Type	Works	**Contract Category**	Expenditure
Bidding Start Date	28.09.2020	**Are Joint Venture (JV) firms allowed to bid**	Yes
Ranking Order For Bids	Lowest to Highest	**Expenditure Type**	Capital (Works)
Auto Elimination rules applicable	Yes	**Minimum decrement (%)**	.2
Initial Cooling Off Period (HH:MM)	04:00	**Subsequent Cooling Off Period (HH:MM)**	00:20

No. PR/499/20 (Kaka) **Serving Customers with a Smile** Website: www.ireps.gov.in

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Chitradurga Division.

No.: EE/PWD/CTA/Tender-30/2020-21 Date : 26-08-2020

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in **Two Cover System** from **Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Chitradurga Division,** on behalf of The Governor of Karnataka from registered contractors in KPWD through e-Procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement Act. 2000 and rule 2000 Standard Tender Documents rules. Eligible contractors can obtain the details from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** and participate in the tender.

Through e-Procurement - TWO COVER SYSTEM - 8443 - Deposit Contribution RIDF - Nabard 25. (1) Package - 01 (Work Indent : 127053). Amount Put to Tender in Rs. 8550916.74. (2) Package - 02 (Work Indent : 126804). Amount Put to Tender in Rs. 8553000.00.

Work Tender Dates are as mentioned below : Late Date & time for Tender Queries / Clarifications : 09-09-2020 upto 5.30 pm. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 10-09-2020 upto 4.00 pm. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid : 11-09-2020 at 4.01 pm and Date & time for opening of Financial Bid : 14-09-2020 at 11.00 am. Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports and
Inland Water Transport Department, Division Chitradurga.

ಮಾಸಾಸಂ/ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ/323/4Winds/2020-21

Government of Karnataka
PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, BAGALKOT
Tel Phone.: 08354- 235042 E-mail ID: bgkeezpe@yahoo.com Fax: 08354-235043

No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-3/LUMPSUM/Tender/2020-21/2193, Date: 31.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System) (KW-4 Bid Document).

ವಿಷಯ: 2018–19 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 3054–80–196–1–03–300 ಲಮ್‌ಸಮ್ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ನಂ: 80202 ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡೆ ಕುರಿತು.
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಪರಿಶಾಇಂವಿ/ ಬಜಿಕೆ /ಟಿಬಿ–3/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2020–21/2083, ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.08.2020.
ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, 2018–19 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 3054–80–196–1–03–300 ಲಮ್‌ಸಮ್ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ನಂ:80202 ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡೆಯನ್ನುಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಈ ಮೊದಲು ಕೇಳಿದ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು	ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾಗಬೇಕಾದ ಷರತ್ತು
1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement.	Date: 14.09.2020 Instead of 03.09.2020, Evening 17.30 pm.
2	Opening of Technical Bid.	Date: 16.09.2020 Instead of 05.09.2020 at 11.00 am
3	Opening of Financial Bid.	Date: 18.09.2020 Instead of 07.09.2020 at 11.00 am
4	a) availability by owing at least 50 % of the required / specified key and critical equipment for this work and (b) the remaining 50% can be deployed on lease/ hire basis for all works provided, the relevant documents (commitment agreements etc.) for availability for this work are furnished. Requirement of specified key and critical equipments for this work (1) Hot Mix Plant 40-60 TPH or more capacity 1 No. Own/Hire/Lease (2) Static Roller 2 Nos (1 Own & 1 Hire) (3) Tractor/ Tippers 2 Nos ((1 Own & 1 Hire) (4) Mechanical Sprayer 1 Nos (1 Own/Hire /Lease) (5) Excavator like JCB Hitachi 2 Nos (1 Own & 1 Hire) (6) Water tanker 2 Nos ((1 Own & 1 Hire)	a) availability by owing at least 50 % of the required / specified key and critical equipment for this work and (b) the remaining 50% can be deployed on lease/ hire basis for all works provided, the relevant documents (commitment agreements etc.) for availability for this work are furnished. Requirement of specified key and critical equipments for this work (1) Hot Mix Plant 40-60 TPH or more capacity - 1 No. Own. (2) Vibrator Roller 1 No Own & Static Roller- 1 No Own (3) Tractor/ Tippers 2 No ((1 Own & 1 Hire) (4) Mechanical Sprayer 1 No Own. (5) Excavator like JCB Hitachi 2 Nos (1 Own & 1 Hire) (6) Water tanker 2 Nos (1 Own & 1 Hire) (7) Paver Finisher -1 No Own
5	To qualify for award of this contract, each Tenderer in his name should have in the last five years (i.e. 2015-16 to 2019-20) achieved in at least TWO financial years a minimum Annual financial turnover is not less than amount put tender (in all classes of civil engineering construction works only) Rs.176.54 lakhs.	To qualify for award of this contract, each Tenderer in its name should have in the last five years i.e. 2015-16 to 2019-20) achieved in at least two financial years a minimum financial turnover (in all classes of civil engineering construction works only) of Rs. 700.00 Lakhs (usually not less than two times the estimated annual payments under this contract)*;

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು:–ಮೇಲಿನ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ, ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://www.eprocurment.karnataka.gov.in ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಗ್‌ಆನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು.

ರುಜು/–ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ (ಇಂ)ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

DIPR/BGK/203/2020-21 DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

The volume of glacial lakes worldwide has increased by about 50 per cent since 1990 as glaciers melt and retreat due to climate change, show 30 years of NASA satellite data. Lake Imja, a glacier lake near Mount Everest, has grown to three times its length since 1990, the research published in *Nature Climate Change* estimated.

EXFILE

LURING LIONFISH IN A TRAP

A better way to kill the beautiful but brutally destructive lionfish than shooting them one by one with spearguns has begun. These voracious invaders are a problem in the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico and the East Coast. We take a look

Lionfish, lured by a sheet of plastic lattice, offshore near Destin, Florida. Traps could be used at depths spearfishers can't reach

TWO KINDS OF TRAP

One is a lobster trap with an entry too skinny for legal lobsters

The other is wildly different, using a vertical sheet of lattice as a lure

We don't think we'll ever eliminate them, but if we can get them under control maybe we can get our ecosystem back

Thomas R Matthews, research administrator Florida's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

LIONFISH-SPECIFIC TRAP

Researchers found lionfish like to hang out near anything sticking up from the bottom

A study in the journal *PLOS ONE* found that those traps caught about 10 lionfish for every unwanted fish

The small amount of unwanted "bycatch" should help win approval if people try to create what would be one of a handful of US trap fisheries, said author Holden Harris of the University of Florida

THE LATTICE TRAP

The lattice popups was invented by Steven Gittings of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Using plastic lattice and rebar frames, Gittings fashioned traps that resemble giant change purses when closed

The nets are designed to open when they hit the bottom and lie flat until they're pulled up, so the only fish caught are those that happen to be around the pop-up

COMPARISON STUDY

A comparison of popup traps, unmodified wooden lobster traps and wire seabass traps off of Florida found that the purse traps were by far the best at limiting bycatch

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

Researchers also found that none of the traps took very many lionfish, raising questions about whether there are enough at deeper levels in the northern Gulf to make money trapping them there

BEAUTIFUL, BUT A MENACE FOR FISHERMEN

HABITATS

Found in the Indo-Pacific region, they have become an invasive species threatening local fauna and flora globally

VORACIOUS APPETITIE

It preys mostly on small fish, invertebrates, and molluscs

They use specialised bilateral swim bladder muscles to provide precise control of location in the water column

This allows the fish to alter its centre of gravity to better attack prey

They also blow jets of water while approaching prey to confuse them

5-15 years lifespan | **18** VENOMOUS SPINES | **18** RECOGNISED SPECIES | **Pterois** GENUS

Parents worried, but Europe reopens schools

Kids in Britain to have staggered break times and be kept in 'bubbles' with their class peers to reduce contact

FINANCIAL CRISIS

PARIS: Tugging on their masks or dashing to hug long-unseen friends, millions of children returned to school across Europe and beyond on Tuesday in a mass experiment aimed at bridging inequalities and resuscitating economies — despite the persistent pandemic.

The virus threat lurked in the shadows as children kissed their parents goodbye in France, shyly greeted their teachers in Israel, settled into spaced-out desks in England, and raised their hands in Russia.

While acknowledging "a bit of fear," Jerome Continent brought his first-grader Baptiste to school on Tuesday anyway in the Paris suburb of Roissy-en-Brie, where the buzz of first-day excitement was even more intense than usual after the coronavirus upended the previous school year.

"I know we are being careful," he said. "The children also have to live."

With France reporting thousands of new infections daily — more than any of its neighbours — all French schoolchildren 11 and over must wear masks all day, recess and music class included. Similar rules are in place in Balkan countries, while other countries are more lax about masks. Some classrooms look starkly different from previous years, with plastic shields around desks and virus warning signs plastered everywhere.

While many US school districts started class online only and others introduced a mix of online and face-to-face learning, in-person class is the norm as Europe goes back to school. Governments are trying to show that life goes on despite a virus that has infected at least 25 million people worldwide and killed more than 8,00,000.

Pupils sit in a classroom in Grozny, Russia, on Tuesday | AP

France's prime minister sat with elementary school children at a school on Tuesday, and the president wished kids well in an Instagram video. In Britain, Education Secretary Gavin Williamson sent an open letter to parents saying school "really is the best place for them to be. Nothing can match being in a classroom with a real teacher to inspire them and their friends to share their discoveries."

Hundreds of thousands of British schoolchildren are heading back to classrooms, with parents facing fines if they refuse to send their kids back. Schools have introduced measures to reduce contact between children, such as staggering break times and keeping pupils in "bubbles" with their class or year group.

The World Health Organization is advising governments on how to resume in-person schooling safely, and acknowledged on Monday that while the virus remains a real threat, school closures have hurt children's mental health and social development, especially those from low-income families, with disabilities or in an abusive home environment.

The return to school isn't working smoothly everywhere. A middle school class in northern France ordered all its pupils into two-week quarantine after a student tested positive last week.

Schools remain closed in most of Africa and several Asian countries, but have resumed elsewhere — notably in China, where the last groups of students returned to regular classes on Tuesday, following two weeks without new cases of local transmission in the country.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Sanofi halts virus drug trial

INCONCLUSIVE

French pharma giant Sanofi said Tuesday that international Phase 3 clinical tests of its Kevzara drug for serious Covid-19 cases had proved inconclusive and it was halting the trial. The Phase 3 test — normally the last before official approval for use — "did not meet the primary or secondary evaluation criteria compared with a placebo, and in both cases, compared with established hospital care," it said in a statement. Sanofi said neither it nor its American partner in developing the drug, regeneron, "envisage further clinical tests of Kevzara for the treatment of Covid-19." Although Kevzara "did not give us the results we were hoping for, we are proud of the work done by our team," Sanofi global research head Dr John Reed said in the statement.

Phase III of Oxford vaccine

HOPES ON

AstraZeneca says a potential coronavirus vaccine has entered phase III trials in the US to test the effectiveness and safety of the product. Cambridge, England-based AstraZeneca says the trial will involve up to 30,000 adults from various racial, ethnic and geographic groups across the US. The trial is funded by units of the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services. AstraZeneca says development of the vaccine known as AZD1222 is moving ahead globally with late-stage trials in the UK, Brazil and South Africa. The potential vaccine was invented by the University of Oxford and an associated company, Vaccitech. The candidate vaccine was licensed to AstraZeneca for further development.

Chinese bus research adds to evidence of virus airborne spread

NEW FINDINGS

WASHINGTON: A person on a poorly ventilated Chinese bus infected nearly two dozen other passengers with coronavirus even though many weren't sitting close by, according to research published on Tuesday that offers fresh evidence the disease can spread in the air.

Health authorities had initially discounted the possibility that simply breathing could send infectious micro-droplets into the air, but did a U-turn as experts piled on pressure and evidence mounted.

The article published on Tuesday in *JAMA Internal Medicine* probes the threat of airborne infection by taking a close look at passengers who made a 50-minute trip to a Buddhist event in the eastern Chinese city of Ningbo aboard two buses in January before face masks became routine against the virus.

Researchers believe a passenger, whose gender was not identified, was likely patient zero because the person had been in contact with people from Wuhan, the city where the contagion emerged last year. Scientists managed to map out where the other passengers sat, and also test them for the virus, with 23 of 68 passengers subsequently confirmed as infected on the same bus.

What is notable is that the sickness infected people in the front and back of the bus, outside the perimeter of 1-2 metres that authorities and experts say infectious droplets can travel. On top of that, the sick passenger was not yet showing symptoms of the disease, such as a cough, when the group made their trip to a religious event.

Researchers also noted the air conditioning simply recirculated the air inside the bus, which likely contributed to spreading of the virus.

"The investigations suggest that, in closed environments with air recirculation, SARS-CoV-2 is a highly transmissible pathogen," they wrote.

"Our finding of potential airborne transmission has important public health significance," they added.

Extinction Rebellion's 10-day UK protest

GREEN UPRISING

LONDON: Climate change protesters converged on the British parliament on Tuesday, kicking off 10 days of demonstrations to be held across the country by activist group Extinction Rebellion.

Various protests are planned between September 1 and 10, including a "walk of shame" close to the Bank of England, a "carnival of corruption" close to government finance buildings and a silent demonstration outside Buckingham Palace.

Police imposed tough conditions on the protests on Tuesday, restricting where and when activists could demonstrate and banning vehicles.

Metropolitan Police commander Jane Connors on Tuesday said that anyone breaching the conditions could be arrested.

Last year, more than 1,700 people were arrested during a similar 10-day "Autumn Uprising" organised by Extinction Rebellion, which saw major disruption across the UK and large parts of central London blocked off.

NATURE STRIKES

Lightning bolts illuminate the sky during a morning storm over Salgotarjan, Hungary, on Tuesday | AP

Face shield instead of mask?

EXTRA PROTECTION

Can I use a face shield instead of a mask? No. Health officials don't recommend the clear plastic barriers as a substitute for masks because of the lack of research on whether they keep an infected person from spreading viral droplets to others. However, those who want extra protection may want to wear a face shield in addition to a mask. Face shields have the added benefit of protecting your eyes and discouraging you from touching your face by acting as a physical barrier, says Christopher Sulmonte, project administrator of the biocontainment unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Meanwhile, the available research so far indicates that the best face shields for preventing viral spread are hooded or wrap around the sides and bottom of the face, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's because those shields leave less space for droplets from sneezing, coughing and talking to escape. If you do wear a reusable face shield in addition to a mask, the CDC notes the importance of cleaning it after each use. The agency also says you should wash your hands before and after taking it off, and avoid touching your face while removing it.

BIOLOGICALLY RECOVERED

Trump to drop wolves from endangered list, rollback protections for migratory birds?

2020 RESOLUTION

TRAVERSE CITY: The Trump administration plans to lift endangered species protections for grey wolves across most of the nation by the end of the year, the director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service said on Monday.

"We're working hard to have this done by the end of the year and I'd say it's very imminent," Aurelia Skipwith told *The Associated Press* in a phone interview on Monday.

The administration also is pushing ahead with a rollback of protections for migratory birds despite a recent setback in federal court, she said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service last year proposed dropping the wolf from the endangered list in the lower 48 states, exempting a small population of Mexican wolves in the Southwest. It was the latest of numerous attempts to return management authority to the states — moves that courts have repeatedly rejected after opponents filed lawsuits.

Shot, trapped and poisoned to near extinction in the last century, wolves in recent decades rebounded in the western Great Lakes region and portions of the West, the total population exceeding 6,000. They have been removed from the endangered list in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and portions of Oregon, Utah and Washington state.

A remote camera image provided by the US Forest Service shows a female grey wolf and her pups born in 2017 in Lassen National Forest in Northern California | AP

Federal protections remain elsewhere.

A federal judge in 2014 restored protection for the animals in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, a decision upheld by an appeals court in 2017.

Skipwith, echoing the Fish and Wildlife Service's long-held policy, told the *AP* the wolf has "biologically recovered" and that its removal from the list would demonstrate the effectiveness of the Endangered Species Act.

But the Humane Society of the United States and other wildlife protection groups contend wolves are still vulnerable. Dropping protections across the Lower 48 would doom any chances of their spreading to other states where they could thrive if humans allowed it, they say.

Skipwith said the agency also is proceeding with changes in how it enforces a century-old law protecting most American wild bird species, despite warnings that billions of birds could die as a result.

A US judge in New York this month invalidated the administration's use of a legal memo to justify its position that accidental but foreseeable killing of birds should not be criminally prosecuted. The administration had argued that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act applies only to the intentional killing of birds and not "incidental" killings during normal activities by electric utilities, oil developers and other industries.

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DAY'S DIARY

First sci-fi film

The first science-fiction movie — a 14-minute short film titled *A trip to Moon* (*Voyage dans la Lune*) — was released on this day in 1902 in France

CREATED BY

It was created by imaginative French director and master magician Georges Melies as his version of Jules Verne's *From the Earth to the Moon* (1865) and HG Wells' *First Men in the Moon* (1901)

PLOT

The silent film was a light-hearted satire criticising the conservative scientific community of its time. It was about a group of astronomers who go on an expedition to the moon

LOST AND FOUND

The colour version of the film, considered lost for nearly a century, was found in 1993 by the Filmoteca de Catalunya. Sadly, it was in very poor condition

Sudeep gets two new offers for multi-lingual films

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Pictures for representational purpose

Though wedding celebrations are now conducted on a much smaller scale, it still requires a whole lot of planning and meticulous execution. If you are planning an intimate wedding or if you are planning to wait it out for your big day, this virtual fair is a great place to find everything you need

– **Shikha Nahata,** co-founder and partner, Zeroin

ON THE BRIDE SIDE

Plan your dream wedding from the safety of your home with this online fair, where you can interact with wedding planners, designers, photographers, and even take virtual tours of products

● **Express Features**

The quintessential big fat Indian wedding has turned into a sober affair, thanks to the raging pandemic. Planners, make-up artists, caterers, photographers, and others involved in the industry suddenly find themselves scrambling for work. In this situation, Bengaluru-based Zeroin is organising a two-day virtual wedding expo, 'Espousal', an event that is aimed at supporting the wedding crew and industry by helping them recover from the impact of Covid-19.

To be held on September 11 and 12, the event will have over 200 online stalls, where 'visitors' can directly interact with wedding planners, jewellery designers, photographers, food caterers, venue planners, bridal salons, mehendi artists, florists, skin care professionals etc. "Like many other sectors, the wedding industry has taken a tremendous hit due to Covid-19. From wedding planners, photographers to event spaces, the $50 billion industry is facing a number of challenges due to the pandemic," says Shikha Nahata, co-founder and partner, Zeroin.

So, how does it work? Virtual visitors can watch video presentations by vendors, participate in virtual tours of products, interact with service providers in separate meeting rooms and can even get samples of products physically delivered. With wedding ceremonies and the wedding industry having undergone tremendous changes over the last few months, the big fat Indian wedding has been replaced by intimate and memorable gatherings, feels Nahata. She adds, "Though wedding celebrations are now conducted on a much smaller scale, it still requires a whole lot of planning and meticulous execution. If you are one among those planning an intimate wedding or if you are planning to wait it out for your big day, Espousal is a great place to find everything you need."

Mahendra Gangadharan, founder, Neferrtiti Weddings in the city, says, "Over the last few months, the wedding industry has faced quite a few challenges. An online wedding fair will provide an opportunity for wedding professionals to interact with prospective customers. On the other hand, for soon-to-wed couples, a platform like this gives them a chance to plan their dream wedding without the hassles of stepping out."

To help the industry navigate through the challenges, there will be a host of experts from the wedding industry across the globe who will conduct sessions on the future of the global wedding industry and the emerging trends. Some of the prominent speakers are Prasad Bidapa, fashion choreographer and stylist; Samar Shawareb, founder and CEO, Arabia Weddings, Jordan; and Elisa Mocci, founder, Elisa Mocci Events, Italy.

The event will be held on September 11 and 12. For details, call 9008715708.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Questions

1. The post of the Dewan was created in 1881 to head the administrative machinery of Mysore state. Who was appointed the first Dewan who introduced a representative assembly for the first time in Mysore?

2. India's cricket icon Anil Kumble who set the record of taking all the 10 wickets in an innings against Pakistan in 1999 was rated by Wisden as the second best "Bowling performance of all time". The achievement was commemorated by naming a traffic circle after him. What was the circle earlier known as?

3. Sri Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru was built on a lake bed erected by Kempe Gowda in 16th century. Name the lake which was once an important water source for the city.

CITY READ

Call for applications for guest lecturers

Bangalore University has invited applications for nine full time guest lecturers for its MCA programme. This is for the duration of one year. The minimum qualification for the guest lecturer is MCA / M.Sc. (Computer Science)/M.Tech Computer Science. Preference, however, will be given to NET / SLET / Ph.D.(Computer Science) qualified candidates. The honorarium is: ₹36,000 for NET or PhD qualified and ₹28,000 for non NET or non-PhD candidates. For details, contact the coordinator, MCA programme, Psychology building, Bangalore University, JB Campus. The last date for candidates to submit their applications and CV is on or before September 5.

University commences exams

University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, K R Circle, commenced the final semester and backlog engineering examinations from September 1. The theory exams will be over on September 8. The practical examination begins from September 12 and results are expected to be announced within one hour of the completion of the last exam. Adequate arrangement of thermal scanners, sanitisers, facemasks, and hand gloves have been made at all entry and exit points. Wherever necessary, fresh facemasks and hand gloves are being given to students. The invigilators, while on duty, wear face shield, mask and hand gloves throughout examination.

Around the country for art and awareness

● **Monika Monalisa**

For Shilo Shiv Suleman, art doesn't just let her express unspeakable thoughts but is also a way for the suppressed to find a voice. This multi-disciplinary artist, through her NGO Fearless Collective, is coming up with an Art Yatra, which is scheduled to begin in Bengaluru, in the first weekend of September. The four-city tour will work towards emphasising how street art can bring about social change.

Besides Bengaluru, which is Suleman's hometown, the trip will make stops through Lucknow, Delhi and Jaipur as well. Through this art fest, the 31-year-old artist is planning to talk about the rights of different backward communities in the society. While the Bengaluru and Delhi leg of the event will focus on waste collectors, Lucknow and Jaipur programmes will be about the LGBTQ+ community. "During this pandemic we came across many waste collectors being treated badly. Even if they were out on the street for work, they were not included as essential services and they hardly had protective gear. And since many lost their jobs, it resulted in unsegregated waste going to landfills," says Suleman, who is the daughter of renowned artist Nilofer Suleman.

Shilo Shiv Suleman

A red jeep has been organised for the cause, in which besides Suleman, three others will also hit the road. She adds, "We have spoken to different NGOs for specific causes and their members are going to join us once we are in that city. For Bengaluru, we are associating with Hasirudala,which works towards streamlining waste collection."

But the journey isn't just about being all talk. Fun art elements, like painting murals on walls, will also be included. For Benagluru, they are already in talks with concerned officials for MS Building and Utility Building. "Usually we do such kind of murals on individual properties but here it is important to get the authorities involved because it is about empowering these people," emphasises Suleman, who started Fearless Collective in 2012 after the Nirbhaya case. Through the organisation, she hopes to empower people with freedom. "There should not be any restriction on how you want to love. So we are trying to find places in society that have fear and want to fill those places with love," says Suleman, who started her journey in art at the age of 16.

'Rap'ped up in local flavours

● **Simran Ahuja**

India's rap scene doesn't have the best reputation for being gender inclusive, and that ratio is skewed further in regional rap scene. And this is where SIRI (the singer insists that her name be written in capital letters) stands out, providing a beacon of hope for future rappers like her. The Bengaluru-based musician recently released her new single, *Yaaru*, where she raps just as effortlessly in Kannada as she does in English. With lyrics like – *When they not around, what you gonna do, yaaru nodadiddaga, helu neenu yaaru?* – her message seems to be clear: Who are you really when no one is watching?

"Friends and family think I'm doing great, I'm confident and I really know what I'm doing but that's not the reality. People don't know what happens away from the screen or behind the scenes," she says of her new track, which was out last month, and was produced by Mumbai-based Aakash, who is an Emmy-award winning audio engineer and music producer.

Her tryst with rap may have begun all the way back in 2013 but it wasn't until three years ago that she started making music professionally. "I was good at rapping lyrics written by somebody else but when I got to know I sounded good, I started writing my own lyrics as well," says the Bengalurean, who took a month to complete the track with Aakash. Since her journey with rap, she has come out with multiple singles, each gaining good traction and appreciation from listeners. Her song *Gold* saw over 1.3 lakh views on YouTube whereas *My Jam*, which premiered in April this year, saw over 14 lakh views.

Besides Kannada and English, she also raps in Hindi and Telugu, but it's the former two that she's most comfortable with. Rapping in Kannada, though a niche, also helps her connect with local audiences on a deeper level. "When you rap in your local language, it's for everyone. I have listeners from Mandya and Dharwad, and some from Canada too. So, rapping in Kannada helps me connect with people from different classes and regions as well," she says.

Like many other fields in India, women in rap too are far and few between. "Gender binaries and roles are thrust upon you from the time you are born. And though they seem innocuous or small, they have a big impact on your life while you are growing up," she says. Her own parents, though not much in tune with rap, have no qualms with their daughter's decision to pursue it. "I've always led an independent and rebellious life. I'm glad I didn't listen to them, it worked out for the best."

While she may be an outlier in the scene, the rapper does have hope that it may not always be so. She says, "Things are changing. There are so many things, like your family, that you have to deal with before you become a rapper. But there are many female rappers doing it. Our numbers do need to increase."

Bengaluru has given me value that I can't get from any other city. I've attended so many gigs and been exposed to some great music here. The musical community is inspiring

– **SIRI,** rapper

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

BRINJAL TOMATO THUVAIYAL

INGREDIENTS

- **Brinjal:** 6
- **Tomato:** 2
- **Onion:** 2
- **Urad dal:** 1 tsp
- **Fenugreek seeds**
- **Red chillies:** 4
- **Asafoetida:** One small piece
- **Tamarind:** a small lemon-sized ball
- Salt as required

METHOD

- Roast brinjal, tomato and onion in oil.
- Then roast red chillies, asafoetida, fenugreek seeds and urad dal in oil.
- Grind all the roasted ingredients with salt and tamarind into a paste. Add water if required.
- Season it with one tsp of mustard seeds and asafoetida powder.

– by P Vijayalakshmi, Chennai

SPACE WATCH

HUBBLE VIEWS EDGE OF STELLAR BLAST

While appearing as a delicate and light veil draped across the sky, this image from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope actually depicts a small section of the Cygnus supernova blast wave, located around 2,400 light-years away. The name of the supernova remnant comes from its position in the northern constellation of Cygnus (the Swan), where it covers an area 36 times larger than the full Moon. The original supernova explosion blasted apart a dying star about 20 times more massive than our Sun between 10,000 and 20,000 years ago. Since then, the remnant has expanded 60 light-years from its center. The shockwave marks the outer edge of the supernova remnant and continues to expand at around 220 miles per second. The interaction of the ejected material and the low-density interstellar material swept up by the shockwave forms the distinctive veil-like structure seen in this image.

Source: nasa.gov

BRIGHT SPOT

FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE

In the wake of racial protests in America's Midwest, a group of teenagers in Chicago's Austin neighbourhood were looking for a way to uplift their marginalised West Side community. A group of young entrepreneurs transformed a gutted liquor store into Austin Harvest, a pop-up food market to provide healthy food alternatives for their underserved neighbourhood. The genesis of the project began with listening circles led by By the Hand Club for Kids. One of the issues the kids felt about most urgently was the shortage of healthy food options in the area; the result of years of systemic neglect and racism. The project got enthusiastic backing from a number of professional athletes. Together, they raised $500,000 in seed money to get the project rolling. The Hatchery Chicago also offered lessons in real-world business skills, including licensing and customer service, and a culinary pathways programme aimed at helping interested teens work toward careers in the food industry.

Source: goodnewsnetwork.org

APPSMART

Patreon

Patreon is a membership platform that makes it easy for artists and creators to get paid.
Available on: Android & iOS

Decision Roulette

The Decision Roulette helps you to choose among the various options available. You can write from 2 to 50 options in different roulettes and use them whenever you want.
Available on: Android & iOS

Slime Simulator Time

Slime Simulator Time is a great app for beginner slimers to advanced slimers. It is also good for people who love ASMR sounds
Available on: Android

FIT BIT

URDHVA PRASARITA PADASANA

(UPWARD EXTENDED FEET POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Urdhva' means 'upward', 'Prasarita' means 'extended', 'Pada' means 'leg', and 'Asana' means 'pose.' This pose strengthens the back muscles and the core abdominal muscles. It is an intermediate level pose and can be done by people of all age groups. Beginners can initially take assistance of a wall to master this pose. It targets the deep abdominal and hip flexor muscles (the psoas muscles). This asana is focusing the third or Manipura Chakra. It is a dynamic practice.

STEPS

- Lie down on your back in Shavasana. Keep your legs stretched out, tightened at the knees. Place your hands by the side of your legs. Breathe normally.
- Exhale, move your arms over the head and stretch them out straight. Take two breaths.
- Exhale, raise your legs up to 30 degrees and hold the position for 15 to 20 seconds while breathing normally.
- Exhale, move your legs up to 60 degrees and hold for 15 to 20 seconds while breathing normally.
- Again exhale, move your legs higher, keeping it perpendicular to the floor. Hold it for 30 to 60 seconds while breathing normally.
- Now, exhale and lower your legs slowly to the floor and relax.
- You can repeat steps 2 through 6 for three or four times.

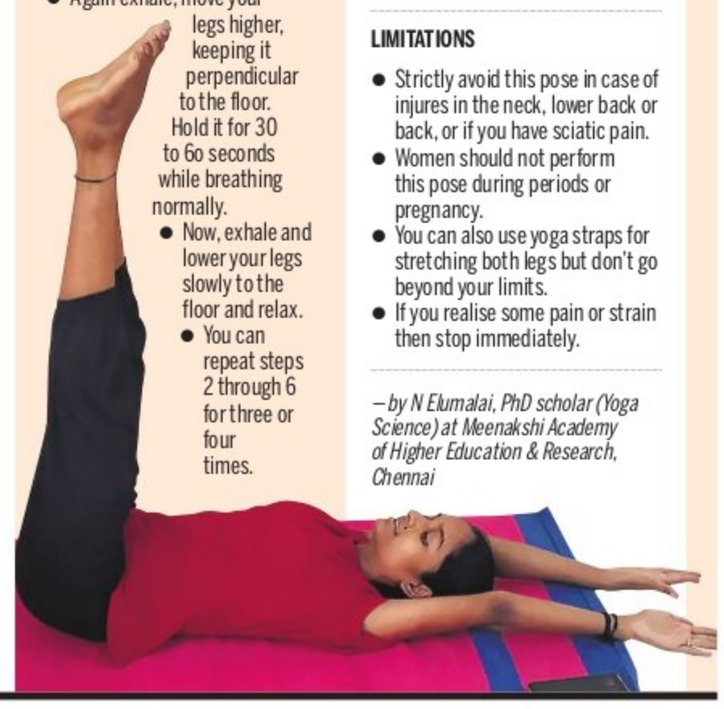
BENEFITS

- Helps cure stomach-related problems. Improves digestion.
- Corrects body posture.
- Best workout for weight loss and obesity. It improves your breathing.
- Reduces abdominal fat if practised regularly.
- Makes your abdomen stronger and also tones it.
- Improves the strength of your spine.
- Improves hip's flexibility.
- Improves lumbar spine strength.
- Gives relief to those suffering from gastric trouble and flatulence.

LIMITATIONS

- Strictly avoid this pose in case of injures in the neck, lower back or back, or if you have sciatic pain.
- Women should not perform this pose during periods or pregnancy.
- You can also use yoga straps for stretching both legs but don't go beyond your limits.
- If you realise some pain or strain then stop immediately.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



SOUND BOARD

DISSECT

Hosted by Cole Cuchna, Dissect examines a single album per season, forensically dissecting the music, lyrics, and meaning of one song per episode.
- On Apple Podcast

SIMPLY KEN - HOSTED BY KENNY SEBASTIAN

Stand-up comedian Kenny Sebastian is known for his observational humour and quirky stage presence. He talks about tackling the weekly conflicts of a comedian.
- On Spotify

OFF SCRIPT WITH SALIL

Actor Salil Acharya speaks to some interesting people from the world of Bollywood, sports, politics and pop culture. This podcast presents engaging conversations.
- On Spotify

HOW I BUILT THIS WITH GUY RAZ

Journalist Guy Raz dives into the stories behind some of the world's best-known companies, weaves a narrative journey about innovators, entrepreneurs and idealists, and the movements they built.
- On Google Podcast

CONAN O' BRIEN NEEDS A FRIEND

Conan O'Brien Needs a Friend is a weekly opportunity for the television host to hang out with the people he enjoys most, and finds some real friendship along the way.
- On Stitcher

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.
- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.
- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

PUTTARAJU LOVER OF SHASHIKALA

Puttaraju tries everything to woo his classmate, Shashikala, but she has to leave school after her father gets transferred to Shivamogga.
- Cast: Amith Gowda, Jayashree Aradhya

KOODAL NAGAR

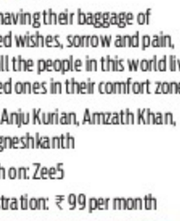
After the death of their father, Suriyan and Chandran, twin brothers, travel to Madurai in search of employment. While Suriyan gets a job in a library, Chandran starts working in a hospital.
- Cast: Bharath, Sandhya, Bhavana

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 RETROFITTING SUBURBIA BY ELLEN DUNHAM-JONES

Ellen Dunham-Jones fires the starting shot for the next big sustainable design project: retrofitting suburbia. To come: Dying malls rehabilitated, dead "big box" stores reinhabited, and parking lots transformed into thriving wetlands.



2 THE RESISTANCE | THINK LIKE A CODER, EP 2

This is episode 2 of our animated series "Think Like A Coder." This 10-episode narrative follows a girl, Ethic, and her robot companion, Hedge, as they attempt to save the world. The two embark on a quest to collect three artifacts and must solve their way through a series of programming puzzles.

3 THE INVISIBLE MOTION OF STILL OBJECTS BY RAN TIVONY

Many of the inanimate objects around you probably seem perfectly still. But look deep into the atomic structure of any of them, and you'll see a world in constant flux – with stretching, contracting, springing, jittering, drifting atoms everywhere. Ran Tivony describes how and why molecular movement occurs and investigates if it might ever stop.

4 THE UNCOMPLICATED TRUTH ABOUT WOMEN'S SEXUALITY BY SARAH BARMAK

In this frank, eye-opening talk, author Sarah Barmak shows how a flawed understanding of the female body has shaped this discussion for centuries. She debunks some age-old myths and offers a richer definition of pleasure.

5 DEMAND A MORE OPEN-SOURCE GOVERNMENT BY BETH NOVECK

In this stirring talk, Beth Noveck, the former deputy CTO at the White House, shares a vision of practical openness – connecting bureaucracies to citizens, sharing data, creating a truly participatory democracy.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)

An honest policeman, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam that quickly goes haywire.
- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta Simha, Prakash Raj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

MASABA MASABA (Hindi)

Fashion designer Masaba Gupta straddles the worlds of fashion and family while making a foray back into the dating world.
- Cast: Masaba Gupta, Neena Gupta, Neil Bhoopalam, Rytasha Rathore
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

PHOTOGRAPH (Hindi)

Pressured by his grandmother to get married, a struggling street photographer convinces a shy stranger to pose as his fiancee. They soon develop an unexpected bond that transforms both of them in ways they could not have imagined.
- Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Jim Sarbh
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

PROJECT MARATHWADA (Marathi)

The son of a poor farmer, Tukaram, commits suicide, leaving his devastated family behind. Later, he comes to Mumbai with the hope of getting justice and help from the government.
- Cast: Om Puri, Farrah Kader, Seema Biswas, Dalip Tahil
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

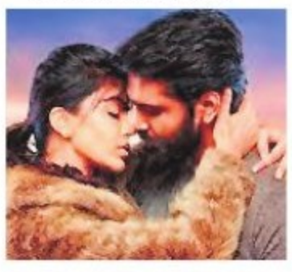
RARANDOI VEDUKA CHUDHAM (Telugu)

Shiva, a fun-loving young man, meets a stubborn woman at a wedding and falls in love with her. However, the couple has to reconcile their feuding families in order to be with each other.
- Cast: Naga Chaitanya, Rakul Preet Singh, Kaushalya, Japathi Babu, Sampath Raj
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

IGLOO (Tamil)

Despite having their baggage of unfulfilled wishes, sorrow and pain, almost all the people in this world live for their loved ones in their comfort zones.
- Cast: Anju Kurian, Amzath Khan, RJ Vigneshkanth
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month



HULIRAYA (Kannada)

A man, who grows up in the forests of Karnataka, travels to the city to find better work opportunities on his mother's insistence.
- Cast: Balu Nagendra, Divya Uruduga, Chirashree Anchan, Rakshit Shetty
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

ALL TOGETHER NOW (English)

An optimistic and talented teen clings to a huge secret – she's homeless and living on a bus.
- Cast: Auli'i Cravalho, Carol Burnett, Rhenzy Feliz, Justina Machado
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

NIGERIAN PRINCE (English, Ibo)

After being sent to Nigeria against his will, a stubborn Nigerian-American teenager joins forces with an Internet scammer to return to the United States.
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

A FANTASTIC WOMAN (Spanish)

Marina's life is thrown into turmoil following the death of her partner. Mourning the loss of the man she loved, she finds herself under intense scrutiny from those with no regard for her privacy.
- Cast: Daniela Vega, Francisco Reyes Morandé, Luis Gnecco, Aline Küppenheim
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

MOONLIGHT (English)

Chiron, a young African-American boy, finds guidance in Juan, a drug dealer, who teaches him to carve his own path. As he grows up in Miami, Juan's advice leaves a lasting impression on him.
- Cast: Mahershala Ali, Trevante Rhodes, Janelle Monáe, Naomie Harris, Ashton Sanders
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

Keerthana Gadde (left) and Archana Bikkina

So many people prefer to just melt these items that hold so much vintage value; it is an absolute loss. Instead of doing that, we clean it and restore in a way that the original beauty is retained

—Archana Bikkina, co-founder, Rewind Gallery

From teakwood cupboards to typewriters dating back to the 1960s, Rewind Gallery is a treasure trove for vintage lovers

VINTAGE TREASURES

5 GREAT FINDS

- Vintage Consul typewriter
- Rosewood side tables
- Intricately carved teakwood lampstands
- Paan-dan box that's over 80 years old
- Vaddanam or a jewellery

Paulami Sen

Bringing back to life a vintage typewriter from the late 1960s, obtained from the Czech Republic, is just one of the many fascinating projects undertaken by cousins Archana Bikkina and Keerthana Gadde. The Consul typewriter, which comes in a soft blue shade, reminded us of the one that Cate Blanchett's character used to type fervently in the period show, Mrs America. "We found it slightly tattered and in need of care. What followed was a patient wait to find all the parts and restore it, until it was in the perfect condition that you now see it in," elaborates Keerthana, who studied engineering and has a Masters degree in business administration, just like Archana.

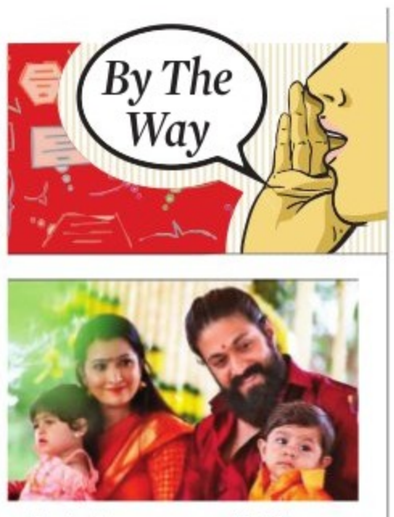
Their love for old teakwood cupboards, lampshades, and pestle and mortar is the stuff of grandmother's tales. The duo teamed up to open their virtual store, Rewind Gallery, on Instagram (@rewind_gallery), almost a year ago. Their love for all things antique is in the details, which is evident in the descriptions. "The keys are precise and light, while the line space lever is easy to catch with your fingers," says the caption for the aforementioned typewriter. The two have been engaged in restoring charming yesteryear knick-knacks, furniture, brass and copper vessels — some of which date back to the 1800s. Keeping its vintage value intact, some collectibles are given an artistic contemporary touch.

Growing up in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, Archana and Keerthana have seen their families treasure antiques. When they realised that this was their calling, they gave up their corporate jobs to start the venture. While Archana runs the show from Hyderabad, Keerthana operates from Rajahmundry. Together, they research and study the antiques in detail to establish its source before they start working on it.

"So many people prefer to just melt these items that hold so much vintage value; it is an absolute loss. Instead of doing that, we clean it and restore in a way that the original beauty is retained," shares Archana. Their team of skilled artisans helps them restore the antique, no matter how challenging the damages. In their hunt, they have found discarded teakwood cupboards full of dirt in many nooks and crannies of Andhra Pradesh. Sometimes the items are over 80 years old, she says. Besides buying the object of interest, patrons too are eager to gain precious information about the provenance, fascinating history and story behind the antique piece.

Like a sepia-toned photograph of the century gone by, some of the pieces like the antique abhishek patra and rosewater sprinkler (panner buddi) or brass lassi glasses with parrot motifs come with intricate carvings on them. "Some of the teakwood pieces, which are over 120 years old, have their origins in Burma," shares Archana, adding that these pieces accentuate the living room decor, giving a dash of warmth with their dark brown hue. The familiarity is sure to unlock some childhood memories that you might have stacked away in your mind, like these once discarded antiques, now restored.

(Rewind Gallery delivers across India and internationally. Products cost from ₹500 to ₹2,00,000)



Lots in a name: Yatharv completes family picture

Superstar Yash's household the filled with celebration. He has finally revealed the name of the his son. In an Instagram post, he said, "Happy to see that all of u liked the name 'YATHARV' For all of u asking for the meaning it means 'Complete' We have coined this name as a combination of our names YR and Ayra! Special mention to our dear music director @ravibasrur who has yet again gifted us with a lovely song, @santhoshvenkysinger who has sung so beautifully and #Narthan who has penned the lyrics with so much love". The actor also posted a video giving his fans a glimpse of the ceremony. While Yash wore a burgundy shirt with silk mundu, Radhika looked royal in her red and gold silk saree. Yash had posted a the first photo of his son on Instagram on April 30, introducing his 'little buddy for life' to the world and sought blessings from all. The photo had immediately gone viral.

Dating apps in the time of a pandemic

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I first heard of dating apps from a friend a few years ago. She had found a person who she liked on a dating app, and I downloaded the app out of curiosity. The friend eventually went on to marry the person she found on the app, and I went on to use dating apps in the years that followed.

Strangely, Indian parents were more familiar with the apps and their user interface, thanks to the proliferation of marriage apps. Before dating apps targeted youngsters, marriage apps had already targeted parents. My generation was the second to get into the world of swiping left and right. The problem, however, was that I haven't had great luck on any of the apps. As a standup comedian, I have to perform open mics on weekdays and shows on weekends. As a film critic, watching a movie is no more an enjoyable experience. I am also the antithesis to a foodie – food is functional for me, and I honestly couldn't care if someone mixed puliyogare with mayonnaise dip. I have had the rare misfortune of matching with women who were looking for marriage, and (horror of horrors!) – vegans! With my limited luck, the dating apps were relegated to the dark corners of my phone, to be deleted whenever I ran out of space. And then, the Covid-19 pandemic occurred.

With the possibility of stepping out and meeting completely ruled out, I re-installed the dating apps out of boredom. Nothing much has changed. There are still people whose DPs are a line of Robert Frost's poetry. There are those with smiling pictures of actresses passing off as their own pictures. There are those that are looking for friendship, marriage and companionship. All with the awareness that nobody is going to be meeting anybody for the next few months. In a strange way, it feels like a phenomenon that was in vogue decades ago – pen friends.

Before the Internet spun a worldwide web around us, before mobile phones appeared in every hand – people from our parents' generation wrote letters to strangers. The correspondence usually involved letters, pictures, and postcards exchanged by people who lived across continents. Upon a little research, I found that two of my favourite authors – PG Wodehouse and Agatha Christie – were pen pals for years. So too was the case between JRR Tolkien and Leo Tolstoy; Henry Miller and Anais Nin. Most of these friendships spanned decades, and resulted in correspondence that has been treasured over time.

In a strange way, dating apps in the pandemic resemble pen friendships. Strangers are sharing messages, pictures and memes – making connections while being aware that they will not be meeting anytime soon. After spending four months swiping left and right, I have found another reason to root for an early discovery of the Covid vaccine.

For years, I assumed that science and god were mutually exclusive ideas and entities. However, staying cooped up at home has made me reach a compromise between the two. Even as an atheist, I pray to god to help scientists discover a vaccine at the earliest. I have downloaded every single dating app available (after duly deleting the Chinese ones, of course!), and am waiting for the vaccine to turn up. It might be true that 'god helps those who help themselves', but after four months of spending quality time with myself, I am beginning to place my bets on science!

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ON A TALE SPIN

Express Features

Calling all storytellers out there. Theatre spaces and auditoria may not be open but all the world seems to be a stage now, thanks to many digital outlets and avenues. Thespo, a popular youth theatre festival, has recently announced an open call for entries by emerging artists under the age of 25. Called Thespo Tapri, the solo storytelling initiative is on the lookout for 5-7 minute long stories that can be performed through a digital medium. Since the festival is open to everyone, the stories can be in any language and any genre. "As young emerging performers and artists, we are full of stories. We want to be heard and we are hungry to create something new, and that's what Thespo Tapri is all about – telling our stories and reimagining the digital medium while receiving mentorship and feedback," says Anushka Ghose from Team Thespo. She adds, "It's an opportunity to perform live from the comfort of our homes and reach out to people across the world".

Performers will be selected after a round of registrations and screening by a team of panellists and will be offered training and mentorship along the way. These 5-7 minute pieces will be performed live as part of an online showcase in October. While the creators and performers have to be under 25 years, the writer and producer can be above 25. For the stories, the initiative calls for complete stories – ie no excerpts, short scenes from plays or passages from books – that make innovative use of the digital medium.

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—Anushka Ghose, Team Thespo

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MULTI-LINGUAL FILM OFFERS POUR IN FOR KICHCHA SUDEEP

Sudeep

The actor has got host of offers, including a film helmed by Gokulraj Baskar, that stars Prithviraj as a warrior

• A Sharadhaa

Sudeep seems to be getting inundated with offers for pan-India projects as a gift for his birthday. The Kannada film star, who has made his presence felt across the south Indian cinema industry as well as Bollywood, has been offered a handful of projects now. The *Eega* actor, who has worked in Hindi films like *Phoonk*, *Rann* and *Rakta Charitra* made in Telugu and Hindi and Vijay's Tamil film *Pulli*, a guest appearance in *Baahubali -- The Beginning*, Chiranjeevi's 151st film, *Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy*, and the recent *Dabangg 3*, has now been offered a multilingual project featuring Prithviraj Sukumaran as a warrior. It is said to be India's first film to be shot completely as a virtual production. The yet-to-be-titled project was conceptualised and directed by Gokulraj Baskar, and he has kept in mind Sudeep's pan-India appeal. The film will be released in Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada.

However, no details have been revealed about the kind of role Sudeep has been approached for. According to a source, the actor, who is currently shooting for *Phantom*, still has to give a green signal for it.

Sudeep has also been offered another project to be presented by Viacom 18, which will be made in Hindi and another language. "This is also a project, which is in the preliminary stages of discussion, and an official confirmation will be given once we close the deal and Sudeep signs on the dotted line," says the source.

A still from *Kotigobba 3*

A teaser gift from *Kotigobba 3* on Sudeep's birthday

Kichcha Sudeep's birthday celebration on Wednesday will be a low key affair. Ahead of the celebrations, the actor visited the Siddganga Mutt to seek blessings and he was joined by director Indrajith Lankesh, and producer Manjunath Gowda. Sudeep also posted a message for his fans, addressing them as friends, on the social media, wherein he mentioned that nothing can replace the joy of meeting his friends, who turn out in large numbers. He added that keeping in mind everyone's health as well as his aging parents, the present situation doesn't permit or support any large-scale celebration. He thanked all the people who have stood by him for all these years. He also urged his fans to help people in their surroundings, calling it the need of the hour. Kichcha is currently busy shooting for *Phantom*. The film, directed by Anup Bhandari under the banner of Shalini Arts, was one of the first films in India to resume shooting post the lockdown. Meanwhile, fans of the actor will be treated with a special teaser of *Kotigobba 3* on Wednesday. The film, directed by Shiva Karthik and produced by Surappa Babu, is getting ready for release.

A still from *Avatar Purusha*

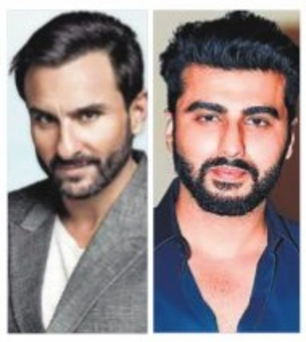
Avatar Purusha shoot to be resumed from Sept. 14

The film, directed by Suni and produced by Pushkar Mallikarjunaiah, stars Sharan and Ashika Ranganath; the team is left with one major fight sequence and three songs to complete

• CE Features

Shooting in Sandalwood is returning to normalcy, with filmmakers heading to resume the pending shoots of their projects. After films like *Phantom*, *Bhajarangi 2*, and *KGF Chapter 2*, the next in line to go on the sets will be Suni's directorial, *Avatar Purusha*. The film, produced by Pushkar Mallikarjunaiah, stars Sharan and Ashika Ranganath, and the makers are planning to start the shooting from Sept. 14. Confirming the news, director Suni says the team has to shoot one fight sequence, which will be choreographed by Vikram, and three songs choreographed by Bhushan master. The entire shoot will require one month to complete. Along with the lead pairs, those joining the shoot will include actors Sai Kumar, Sudharani and Bhavya.

The family entertainer, which brings back the *Chuttu Chuttu* pair from *Raambo 2*, went on floors in February at Chikmagalur. Suni has included an element of Trishanku and the slogan, *Aswathama Hatha Kunjaraha*, in his story, which has Sharan playing the role of a junior artiste who will appear in different shades. *Avatar Purusha* made under the banner Pushkar Films also features Srinagar Kitty in an important role as a black magician called Kumara, who hails from Odisha. It has Arjun Janya composing the music while DOP William David is handling the camera work.



Saif Ali Khan, Arjun Kapoor team up for a spooky adventure *Bhoot Police*

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Saif Ali Khan and Arjun Kapoor will be headlining the upcoming horror-comedy Bhoot Police. Directed by Pawan Kriplani, the spooky adventure is produced by Ramesh Taurani and Akshai Puri. Saif and Arjun are said to essay ghost hunters in the film. The actors are sharing screen space for the first time.

Pawan had previously explored horror with Phobia and *Ragini MMS*. Speaking about his next, the director shares, "Rameshji, Akshai Puri and I are excited to bring this spooky adventure comedy on the celluloid."

Ratnan Prapancha to bring back senior actor Umashree on the silver screen

The actor will be playing a middle-class mother in Rohit Padaki's directorial starring Dhananjay and Reba Monica John, made under the banner of KRG Studios

• CE Features

After signing up Dhananjay and Reba Monica John as the lead actors in Rohit Padaki's *Ratnan Prapancha*, the production house, KRG Studios, has brought back politician and senior actor, Umashree, on the silver screen. Umashree, who last appeared in *Luv You Alia*, will be seen on the big screen after a gap of five years. The actor played the role of the mother in Ravichandran-starrer Putnanja, which is still talked about. *Ratnan Prapancha* will have her play the character of a middle-class mother living in old Bangalore. "She has an old value system, but is not orthodox. She is very naughty and innocent, like your and my mother. She lives life to the fullest, and is the queen of her life," director Rohit says about Umashree's role. He adds that this mother, who has her way of getting things done, is always at loggerheads with Rathna, the character played by Dhananjay. Umashree, who attended the muhurath held on Aug. 31, will be joining the shoot from September last week.

Umashree

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— Rohit Padaki, director

Pramod

Pramod to share screen space with Dhananjay in *Ratnan Prapancha*

Pramod of *Premier Padmini* fame is also joining the cast of *Ratnan Prapancha*. The actor, who is currently committed to films like *English Manja* and *100 Monkeys*, will be sharing screen space with Dhananjay. He is said to be playing a Robin Hood kind of a character -- a don hailing from North Karnataka. "It's a very innocent and rugged character, of someone who does anything and everything to please his mother," explains Rohit, talking about Pramod's role. *Ratnan Prapancha* is jointly produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj. It has DOP Sreesha Kuduvalli and music director Ajaneesh B Lokanth taking care of cinematography and music, respectively.

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— Suni, director

Documenting India's COVID-19 war

A nation battles an unseen enemy in a 54-minute documentary on Discovery Plus. Here's how it was made.

Shilajit Mitra

A month after the viral outbreak in China, India reported its first COVID-19 case on January 30. By June, that number had reached the 2,00,000 mark (it stands at over 36 lakh cases now). The ordeal of the interim months, as well as the institutional nightmare that followed, has been captured in the Discovery Plus documentary, COVID-19: India's War Against The Virus. The 54-minute doc parallels the global timeline of the virus with ground efforts in the country. It highlights the response of central and state agencies in dealing with the pandemic. While focusing on government measures, the documentary also incorporates the larger picture, from the plight of migrants to the scramble for vaccine development.

"We did not want to do a half-baked, self-congratulatory story," says Sai Abhishek, Director – Content, Factual & Lifestyle Entertainment at South Asia Discovery. "We wanted to tell the Indian story in all its complexities and bring new insights."

The team at Discovery started tracking the pandemic in February. They had previously covered calamities like the Kerala floods and the 2015 Nepal earthquakes. However, the unprecedented nature of the outbreak demanded a fresh approach. A crew was put on ground in March, weeks before the first nationwide lockdown was announced on March 24. The documentary begins with a dramatised account of India's patient zero: a 20-year-old medical student who flew down from Wuhan to Kerala and was diagnosed with the coronavirus. "It took a couple of months to get her to come on camera. It was a sensitive story so we changed her name," says Sai, whose team comprised a mix of in-house producers, cameramen, local stringers, and journalists.

The interviewees featured in the doc include, amongst others, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Serum Institute of India President Adar Poonawalla, and Microsoft co-founder and billionaire Bill Gates. Gates, who is the co-chair and trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, expresses his faith in the Indian pharmaceutical industry in producing Covid-19 vaccines. He had previously interacted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on global innovations and praised India's handling of the situation. "Bill is one of my childhood heroes and I went on a wild goose chase to get him on board," Sai shares. "We set up a small camera at his residence and he patiently answered all our questions."

Elsewhere, experts, frontline workers, and patients share their perspectives on the crisis. Economist Arun Kumar holds forth on the migrant situation and the economic fallout of the lockdown. Journalist Sanket Upadhyay points out the 'communal overtone' adopted by the media in covering the Tablighi Jamaat issue. COVID-survivors Rita Malhotra and her husband recall their difficulty in securing urgent medical care. Dilip Taram, a factory worker in New Delhi, details the horror of leaving his home and putting up at a night shelter. "At Discovery, we generally don't do political documentaries," Sai says. "When it came to the migrant situation, we did look at it carefully as a human story. While we've shown the good (relief) work being done, we've also kept some headlines for the viewers to ponder that perhaps this was not the best way to deal with the crisis."

The documentary also spotlights citizen heroes like drone-maker Arpita Priyadarshini and actor Sonu Sood. It was important to show the tech and innovation capabilities of India, Sai says, as well as "the good Samaritans silently doing their part."

Streaming on the Discovery Plus app, the documentary is available in seven languages. The Hindi and Tamil voice-overs are done by Manoj Bajpayee and Gautam Menon, respectively. This is the first time that Gautam has narrated a documentary. "I wanted to make sure the narration felt personal," the actor-filmmaker shares. "I have actually said in the Tamil version 'I, Gautham Vasudev Menon, am going to tell you how we handle this war.' It was interesting to get that personal touch and language going."

So far, Discovery has produced four international documentaries on the coronavirus outbreak. The first in the series, Pandemic: COVID-19, was aired in April. This was their first domestically-produced documentary on the India situation. "I feel good non-fiction, when told dramatically with cinematic elements, can be of great service to the population," Sai says. "At a time when there's so much misinformation and fake news, factual documentaries will stand out."